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Who's Who and What's What

Dr. J. Dean Adcock has sufficiently recovered to resume his work as pastor in St. Petersburg.

Rev. C. W. Thompson of Liberty has accepted the call to Second Avenue Church in Laurel and will begin his work here Jan. 1.

The Western Recorder of last week comes all dressed up in Christmas colors. Congratulations! It must be fine to have a new suit now and then.

Dr. E. D. Solomon passes on the definition of a pessimist as a man who had swallowed an egg; then he was afraid to move for fear it would break, and he was afraid to sit still for fear the thing would hatch.

West Salem Church, Greene County, is looking forward to making 1940 the biggest year in our history. Hope to build materially and spiritually. Rev. J. I. Hill is our pastor and with God as our guide we are praying for a year of abundant grace. Join us in prayer.—Church Reporter.

At Calvary Church in Jackson on last Sunday Rev. Wm. M. Tabb was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. He has for a few years been a Methodist preacher, but united with Calvary Church a few months ago. We welcome him into our good fellowship and hope that he will soon be in a pastorate.

The request of Secretary D. A. McCall that our churches shall honor the Lord with a special offering the fifth Sunday in December, the fifty-third Sunday in the year is well worth the doing. Christmas gifts are quite proper. But an expression of thanks to God for his unspeakable gift is best of all.

There is no line of study more stimulating or strengthening of faith in the inspiration of God's Word than the study of fulfilled prophecies. There is no more disconcerting, unsatisfactory, misleading and unsettling habit than giving one's time to trying to understand what God has reserved to Himself and stated in prophecies which have not yet been fulfilled in human history.—Editor F. C. McConnell.

Pelahatchie: On Sunday, December 24th, we are having special services both morning and evening. Also we are expecting large numbers out for Sunday school. If you have not been attending Sunday school be sure and be there on this Sunday morning. On Sunday evening there will be a special Christmas cantata. Mrs. Tom Spann is using local talent for this special service. You will not want to miss this service. Let us make this a great day of worship and praise in our church.—E. N. Patterson, Pastor.

The Editor last week received a basket of grapefruit from Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Ft. Worth. This fruit grew in the orchard of the Seminary in the Rio Grande Valley, and is as beautiful as can be found anywhere. And after sampling it we had to say that it was the best we had tasted this season. This orchard is a part of the endowment of the Southwestern Seminary. If it brings in returns according to its worth, it will help to educate a host of young preachers and other religious workers. Our thanks go to Dr. Scarborough, and our prayer is that he may live many years, and see the work committed to him strengthened and enlarged. The Seminary is now one of the great power houses of the demonization.

CHRISTMAS AND THE DAY OF DAYS

The morn of morns points to another morn
Whose glory shall excel all other days
Before or since in Bethlehem was born
The babe wise men and angels came to praise.

He came to Bethlehem, of virgin birth,
To rise to fame, and die upon a felon's cross;
Breaking the hold of death he proved his worth,
Proved he is absolute, immune to loss.

The day of days will be at his return
When he shall have unbounded glory and power;
When of his triumph all the ages learn
By seeing infinitely in fullest flower.

His friends will rise to meet him in the air,
The dead shall live again, time be no more;
Then One who died for all shall judge them there
And close eternally sweet mercy's door.

Wm. James Robinson.

Kansas City, Mo.

The Executive Board of the Texas Convention elected Dr. J. W. Bruner of Seminary Hill as "Endowment Secretary." He has for some two years worked for the endowment of Southwestern Seminary. If he accepts the new position the larger part of the funds will be handled by the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Southside Church in Jackson is just a little over four months old. The membership is now 112, having doubled since the organization. Sunday they had nearly as many people present as could be seated in the church house. Pastor Percy Cooper and his wife are as happy as they can be, and the whole church shares their joy. They are grateful that the Lord has heard their prayer and given them more than they asked for. The closing exercise of the Sunday school was a good program by the Intermediates led by Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Elliott. The lesson of it was Faith in Jesus brings victory. Next Sunday evening the Juniors have charge of a program, and the members will be there in full force. The pastor says, "Come and be with us, and Merry Christmas to all."

Dr. W. L. Howse, Jr., is the author of a book recently published by the Sunday School Board entitled "Teaching Young People In The Sunday School." This is a day of specialists. Particularly is this true in teaching. Our Sunday schools have not lagged behind in this matter. Truth is that the personal equipment for teaching in a Sunday school today is so far in advance of what it was 25 years ago that it makes a new field for Christian service. This is as it ought to be, for there is no field for service more worthy than that of a Christian teacher. This book by Dr. Howse is a genuine contribution to the teachers' equipment. The author is a specialist who has made great preparation for his work, and has been subjected to the test of practical experience. He is teacher of Administration of Religious Education in the Southwestern Seminary and Educational Director in Broadway Church, Ft. Worth. This book is the product of his experience and an exposition of his methods. And it will be valuable to any one interested in the religious instruction and training of young people. The author is a son of our brother W. L. Howse in Jackson. The book is designed for use in training courses, and can be had cloth bound for 60c—or paper, 40c.

First Church, Jackson, voted last Sunday to install a \$25,000 pipe organ

Dr. Maurice A. Levy, Corresponding Secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, died suddenly from heart failure in Altoona, Pa., Nov. 30.

There were ten additions at Parkway Church, Jackson, last Sunday; one for baptism and nine by letter. The work here is a constant inspiration.

The Baptist Standard is still of the opinion that no daily paper should carry liquor advertisements into the homes where there are boys and girls growing up. Parents in those homes should take the matter seriously and do something about it.—Baptist Standard.

Our attention has been called to a mistake, not in the Baptist Record, but in the minutes of Hinds-Warren Association. The W. M. U. of Calvary Church, Jackson, is credited with a contribution of only \$120.00 where it should have been \$1201.27. The women of Calvary Church have done well and deserve to be properly credited.

Here is a way that everybody can help in the furtherance of the gospel and help mightily: Many of our folks have sent in to the Convention Board the earnings of one day. They have had joy in it, and they have added to the joy of others. If you have not joined this group, you may do so now. All our people helping in this way would pay a good part of the debt and would send the gospel on its way unhindered. If you will do this, many will be blessed. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Evangelist A. D. Muse, 2160 Nelson Avenue, Memphis, Tenn., writes that the Life of T. T. Martin will soon be off the press. Also that one of the missionaries in China suggests that a work carried on by brother Martin be enlarged. For many years he had published and distributed the Gospel of John in the Chinese language. Thousands of copies were used in this way with good results. The suggestion is that friends help in having printed a million copies of the Gospel of John in Chinese. If interested write to brother Muse at above address.

Lots of churches are glad to do what the pastor asks them to do. It is difficult for a church to go ahead of the pastor, though we know some that go around him. If the pastor will give the people an opportunity to make an extra offering to missions on the extra Sunday in the year, no plate will come back empty. We have the unusual experience this year of having fifty-three Sundays. Some of the churches are utilizing this extra Sunday to make an extra offering to missions. Here is a good way to show special gratitude and love to the Lord. Try this on this extra Sunday.

For four days Pastor W. S. Landrum conducted an inspirational conference at Mountain Creek Church in Rankin County, beginning on Thursday and closing Sunday. He taught the book of James. One day he had Pastor W. A. Bell of Jackson to speak on the B. T. U. work. Another he had Miss Ruby Taylor to tell about the Sunday School work; then Miss Frances Traylor to tell them about the W.M.U. work. Dr. R. B. Gunter gave an inspirational address; also Rev. W. L. House. The Editor had the privilege of preaching Sunday morning and afternoon. The W.M.U. had observed the week of prayer and made an offering to Foreign Missions. Sunday afternoon the whole congregation added to this by making an offering.

Sparks and Splinters

Whenever a church has to depend on the women for leadership in its work, there is great need for a Brotherhood.

More people are being killed in America any day as a result of liquor drinking than are killed daily in the war between the Allies and Germany.

More than half of the children in America are born in families where the annual income is below the average. The rich ought to be taxed to take care of them.

Mrs. W. W. Lawton, Jr., died recently in Kaifeng, China, after weeks of suffering with amoebic dysentery. After the cablegram came announcing her death, a letter came to her sister, written in bed, which was cheerful and hopeful throughout. In Kaifeng, a city of 800,000, people there was no American doctor when she was taken ill.

Pray for a safe journey of our missionaries going to Africa. Three are new missionaries: Dr. and Mrs. R. U. Northrip and Miss Willie Kate Baldwin. Nine are returning after vacation: Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Donath, Miss Lena Lair, Miss Ruth Kersey and Miss Hattie Gardner.

Water Valley: Our average attendance upon the prayer meetings for the month of November was 180. We had 172 for prayer meeting last Wednesday, Dec. 6. We are looking for an even larger number this evening, Dec. 13. We adopted our budget last Sunday for another year. Our work is going along fine. Large crowds for services Sunday with one addition. Merry Christmas to you and yours.—W. C. Howard.

A letter from Mr. W. L. Cornell of Memphis tells of the calling of Rev. C. E. Welch again to the pastorate of Central Church in that city. He was pastor there some years ago and went to a pastorate in Arkansas. Now he returns to Memphis. Central Church is worshipping at 801 Poplar Street. They plan to build and maintain a church based on the full faith of the gospel.

This week we are giving the program and plan of the Church Loyalty Emphasis. Certainly our people and especially the pastors should carefully consider this matter. It has done great good in churches which have observed it. It is well worth trying out in any and every church. Especially should it prove effective if all our churches will join in this effort. "Like a mighty army, all one body we." Keep this article on your desk.

Dr. J. E. Buchanan of Blue Mountain has the sympathy of a host of friends in the death of his wife. They had only recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. She had been a helpmate through all the years, and many remember her name gratefully. She is survived by two sons: John H. who is pastor of Southside Church, Birmingham and James, who is Business Manager of Blue Mountain College. They have all to comfort them.

The two weeks of evangelistic effort in the First Baptist Church at Pascagoula with Barney Walker and Otis Thompson leading came to a close last Friday evening. The visible results were 19 on profession of faith, 10 by letter, 4 reconsecrations who asked to be received on profession of faith, making the total 33. Some of the highest spiritual hours pastor and people had ever experienced came during those days. It would be impossible to set forth in this column the feeling of the writer toward these men of God who are offering themselves to the Baptists of Mississippi for Kingdom service. It is our humble opinion that there are not two men to be found who are more humble and unselfish and godly in their lives and service than these men. Their work will strengthen any church that will use them. Without reservation we commend them to you and urge you to make a place in your program next year for these men. They have a warm place in the hearts of pastor and people at Pascagoula.—W. L. D.

WISDOM AND HER CHILDREN

Luke says, (7:35), "All her children, and the paint is well taken." The "all belongs in there, is indeed essential to the exact understanding of what Jesus is saying: "Wisdom is justified of all her children." In Matthew one translation gives it, "Wisdom is justified by her works." Children here means offspring or outcome, the results of action taken. There is no doubt as to the passage in Luke. It is "children." But it is the same thing. We say a thing is all right if it works. If the results are good, it must be good. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

You will recall that these words under discussion were used by Jesus when he was talking about John the Baptist. He commended John most highly. There had never been a greater than John the Baptist. But you will recall that most of the Pharisees and rulers rejected the baptism of John. They did not like his doctrine of repentance. It would humiliate them before the common people. Repentance might be all well and good for the common herd, but not for them. John saw this attitude and had a special word for this generation of vipers. And then they liked him still less; they rather hated him the more.

They could not come out and openly denounce his preaching. It was too plainly true for them to risk any such thing as that. So they sought some subterfuge. They took up something against him which was merely incidental, a mere personal eccentricity or habit. He was queer. He didn't dress like most folks. He didn't eat at all like most of them did. He was entirely unconventional in these matters. He came neither eating nor drinking. He was unsocial. He didn't go to their houses. He did not mix with them socially. He didn't seem to be concerned about social amenities. So they picked up this and talked about it. They said "he hath a demon." He takes to the wilderness. The fact that he turned people to righteousness, that he changed them from thieves to honest men, from brutes to gentle spirits; that made no impression on them.

You would have thought if he had been social and gone into their homes and eaten at their tables, they would have followed him like sheep. Or if somebody else had come along who had these social qualities, they would have come right on and been baptized and lived Christian lives ever afterward. Don't let them fool you. They simply fooled themselves; or simply were dishonest about it all. Jesus came eating and drinking. Did they follow him? Far from it. They said, "Look at that fellow!" A glutton and a wine bibber! He goes with all sorts of people without distinction. They didn't like him any better than they did John the Baptist. Jesus and John were quite unlike. They employed wholly different methods. But both were anathema to the Pharisees.

But John succeeded in his mission and Jesus succeeded in his. They differed widely in methods and personal traits but their objective was the same. God has more ways than one of doing things. The fundamentals of truth and righteousness are the same, but the methods of promoting them may be many and varied. When it comes to a mere question of methods there is wide latitude. If we keep our aim straight, the method will take care of itself. The test of a given method is its effectiveness. If it works it is good. If it doesn't work, then a better one ought to be sought. Wisdom is justified of all children. All methods are good if they are fruitful.

The Morrison Chapel Church has reorganized their Missionary Society. Under the leadership of Mrs. Andrew Harding they report the largest W.M.U. in a number of years. Their gifts to missions are increasing each month.

The Merigold Baptist Church has called on all organizations within the church to make a worthy contribution to missions for Christmas. Those in charge report that the gifts to this cause have been the largest received here in a number of years. This church prays each week at prayer service for the cause of Christ throughout the world.

THE COMMISSION OF TWENTY

There is hardly any phase of our denominational work in the states in which our people are now more interested than in the work of the Commission appointed by the Convention in November to "study the entire financial needs of all our Convention work, and seek to form a practical plan to meet these needs—the plan to be submitted to the next annual session of the Convention." This Commission is "authorized and instructed to make a report in the Baptist Record two months before the next annual session of the Convention, such report to include a complete and detailed statement of all debts of the Convention and her several institutions, and to include the Commission's proposed recommendations."

This Commission is composed of the Executive Secretary and President of the Convention Board, the President and Executive Secretary of the State W. M. U., the Superintendent of the Orphanage, the Superintendent of the Miss. Baptist Hospital, the Presidents of Mississippi College, Miss. Woman's College, Blue Mountain College, the President of the Board of Trustees of Clarke College, and five laymen and five pastors.

Sixteen of these twenty met at Baptist headquarters in Jackson Tuesday, Dec. 12. Pastor A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs is chairman, Mr. W. G. Mize of the Orphanage was elected Secretary. We have never seen a more sincere desire to know and do the will of God than appeared to characterize this meeting. The members were unhurried and deliberate in all they did.

Feeling that a thorough and detailed knowledge of the conditions in all our institutions is necessary to any intelligent action, those present expressed a desire to have information from any Baptist in the state as to conditions existent, and suggestions as to the best way to meet the present needs. In order to give time for thorough investigation the membership of the Commission was divided into five committees of four each (with one exception). Each committee is charged specifically with getting information in reference to one of the boards or institutions.

These committees are as follows: (1) On The Convention Board: J. A. Barnhill, D. A. McCall and W. W. James; (2) On The Orphanage and Hospital: E. D. Hurst, W. G. Mize, Mrs. K. Gilfooy, and Miss Fannie Traylor; (3) Committee on Miss. College: F. M. Purser, D. M. Nelson, W. W. Venable and C. H. Lipsey; (4) Committee on Blue Mountain College: W. D. Cole, L. T. Lowrey, Mrs. Ned Rice and J. W. Middleton; (5) Committee on Miss. Woman's College: C. Z. Holland, D. C. Simmons, W. E. Holcomb and John D. Davis.

The Chairman A. B. Pierce is to be ex-officio a member of all the committees. And the chairmen of the five committees constitute a steering committee. The consideration of Clarke College is in the hands of the Convention Board committee.

These committeemen are to be furnished audits of all the institutions, and they begin immediately study of the needs of each. The whole Commission is to be called together again in January if possible to make reports and work out any plans and recommendations. It may require several meetings of the Commission before their work is finished, but it is to be completed and published in the Record by the middle of September 1940. As far as possible our people will be kept acquainted with the work through the year.

The Foreign Mission Board's receipts for November were \$86,256.67. Of this \$57,197.42 came through the Cooperative Program, \$24,574.65 in designated gifts, \$801.80 for China Relief, \$2,724.16 on debt account, \$264.95 through the Lot-tie Moon Offering, and \$693.69 miscellaneous.

The Watchman-Examiner has an editorial protesting against hurrying through a hymn at breath-taking speed. Now will somebody protest against a song leader's giving a gymnastic performance like a jumping jack, which distracts the minds of the worshipers from any meaning in the hymn.

News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Joe W. Burton, Publicity Secretary
HOME MISSION BOARD

HOME MISSION BOARD HEARS REPORT, ADOPTS BUDGET

Reports which showed a total force of 397, the largest number ever in its direct employ, and adoption of the 1940 budget for \$513,000 marked the annual meeting November 28 of the Home Mission Board.

The budget for the new year, following instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting in Oklahoma City, is on the basis of cash receipts of 1939. Dr. J. B. Lawrence stated. Total receipts for the year up to the time of the meeting plus anticipated offerings in December will amount to over \$513,000 in 1939, he said.

The budget as adopted for 1940 includes \$280,000 for mission work and operating expenses, \$62,000 for interest and \$171,000 for debt principal.

Missionaries of the Board as shown by reports submitted include 258 in the "Homeland," according to Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary; 72 in Cuba, Dr. M. N. McCall, superintendent; 40 in Negro work, Dr. Noble Y. Beall, field secretary; 2 Jewish workers with Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus as field secretary, 7 in Panama, and 18 in miscellaneous other fields.

Dr. Beagle's summary showed further that the Board has 111 chapels and homes for missionaries, 47 of them acquired this year by income from the Bottoms' Trust and 16 by Phil. 4:19. This property, he said, has an estimated value of \$325,000. Special consideration was given by the Board to resumes of the work of Dr. Beall, Dr. Leavell, and Brother Gartenhaus.

PREPARATORY STUDY BOOK FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS NOW READY

Appropriately titled *Give Ye Them to Eat*, the preparatory study book for the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions, written by Mrs. B. A. Copass, is now ready for distribution.

"Give ye them to eat" is the task of Home Missions," says Dr. J. B. Lawrence in the introduction. "Every one of our missionaries is breaking the Bread of Life to the hungry hearted."

"The author has presented the subject in a new but sane fashion," writes Miss Kathleen Mallory in a review for the January issue of *Southern Baptist Home Missions*.

"Graphically does it reveal," Miss Mallory continues, "that spiritually hungry are the South's migrant multitudes, many groups struggling toward rehabilitation, countless moral shipwrecks, millions of superstitious and image worshipping people here and in Cuba."

"Each chapter makes a strong appeal. Cumulative is the urge for everyone studying the books to hear through its facts the compassionate Christ saying, 'Give ye them to eat of the Bread of Life.'" Miss Mallory urges W.M.U. and Y.W.A. members to order copies early from any Baptist book store at 25c a copy.

NEW BOOK OF FOREIGNERS TO BE READY SOON

A guide for those who are interested in being good Samaritans to our foreign neighbors in the Homeland is the new book by Dr. J. F. Plainfield, which the Home Mission Board will bring from the press by January 1.

The Stranger Within Our Gates is the title of this new book which gives a comprehensive survey of a most serious problem in America today.

Written by one who is a foreigner by birth but an American by choice, this work gives an analysis of the background, antagonistic attitudes to American ideals, and difficulties in the

process of Americanizing foreigners which make it an indispensable volume for every Baptist pastor's library.

Especially helpful is the authoritative contrast between Roman Catholicism and evangelicals in the last chapter.

The book will be on sale in Baptist book stores after January 1.

SPIRITUAL BENEFITS INCREASE ON MEXICAN FIELD

Since a great part of the Mexican people of Texas journey the entire state over year after year, following crop seasons to earn livelihood, the church at Slaton, Texas, served by Rev. Julian Ramirez, is now feeling a larger responsibility as the time of the year arrives for the people to move to West Texas.

Brother Ramirez states that the people go to the valley when the fruit is ripe for plucking, thence to San Antonio and vicinity for cotton picking, up the state for harvest, and in late fall arrive in large numbers in West Texas.

The congregation rejoices with members of other churches in the spiritual benefits derived during this season.

PASTORAL PROBLEMS

By Norman W. Cox

"Exalt Their Ego"

We have seen it again and again. We refer to people who did little or nothing under the leadership of one pastor, and were zealous supporters of the work under the guidance of another pastor. The question naturally arises, "Why?"

It is not always because they have been especially revived and got more religion.

In many instances it is because their ego has been exalted. We have a great number of faithful ones who stand by regardless of who is pastor. Their faithfulness springs out of a deep devotion.

The zealous activities of not a few in many of our churches is because someone has lifted their ego. Whoever enlisted them, made them feel important. They were given recognition in a way that appealed to them and called forth an active response.

A dishonest demagogue frequently uses this method. A few of them get into the pastorate, while others are in politics.

There is a tactful and honest and very Christian way of using this device for the enlistment of the people in the Lord's service. It took me a long time to learn this. I discovered, however, that the Lord calls forth the best from his servants, not by derating them, but by believing in them. The first time He met Simon Peter, He lifted his ego by saying: "Thou art Simon (a waverer, an unstable fellow), but thou shalt be called Cephas (a rock, one who is firm and stable)." Simon was a nickname to give one social embarrassment. Cephas was a name of honor. Jesus lifted Peter's ego the first time he ever met him. He did it wholesomely and helpfully. I believe that he would have us, as often as possible, to do likewise.

I have enlisted many an otherwise unemployed person in the work of the Lord to active and sacrificial service simply by lifting his ego.

The only hope for any Christian's being helpful in the church and community is the coming of the Holy Spirit to abide in him and make him luminous. But the amount of light given off in your home depends on the size of the bulb used. So the amount of helpfulness that comes from the individual Christian depends in some measure on the amount of truth he has acquired and training he has gotten. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit upon untrained men, but taught them for three years before pentecost.

CHURCH LOYALTY EMPHASIS

We give here the heart of the "Thus saith the Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis as adopted by the recent Convention and as being planned by many of our churches.

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One Month's Preparation—January

First, let the pastor lead here and now as always. Oh, what a privilege—the pastor of a blood-bought church—the preacher of the Word. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things." Rom. 10:15b.

(1) Let him search his own life for sin and for motives.

(2) Let him ask God continually for a deep passion for the lost, for a burning love for all men. John Knox, "Give me Scotland or I die."

(3) Let him visit every member of his church, in the office, shop, store, home or elsewhere and share with every member his deep desire for a deepened spiritual life, and for the salvation of the lost. Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Romans 9:1-5, "Say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

Rom. 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

(4) Let him leave with each member a personal letter into which he shall pour forth his compassionate spirit pleading for a revival of sweep and power. Worship! Personal work! Preaching the Word! Plan in His work!

The member may keep this letter in his Bible, reading it until His spirit catches the fire!

Preparation

Our Heavenly Father took milleniums in preparing the world for the coming of His Son. Was it ready?

After walking and working closely with the twelve, for three years preparing them for their life's work, He had to say "I have many things to tell you, but ye cannot bear them now." John 16:12.

How often after months or years of trying to prepare a people or a leadership, we find we have not done as well.

But our God moves over prepared highways! Preparation pays!

There is plenty to do if figures truly present the picture. We are told that there are 721,926 unchurched people ten years and above in Mississippi; in the South, 15,000,000 unchurched ten and up.

First, from a correct, up-to-date list of his church members let the pastor divide them into (1) those members regular in worship (or who worship, serve or give); (2) Those members irregular in attendance; (3) Those members who seldom or never attend.

Second, let him divide his membership into groups of 12 each (Jesus worked with a group that size). Do this by selecting 6 names from group (3) above, and 3 names from group (2) above, and 3 names from group (1) above. This will more nearly balance the groups.

The assignment of names with family ties and location of residence forgotten, should be observed. The reason being that more visits will be (Continued on Page 15)

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It is said that from 1930 to 1935 the percentage of children in the total American population dropped from forty-six to thirty-eight. If the children are our greatest asset we are getting poorer very rapidly. The nation in which children are growing fewer is gradually perishing.

EDITORIALS

THE WORKS OF GOD

Doubtless in every religious awakening there develops a type of religious camp-follower, or hanger-on. A passing automobile carries along with it air currents which draw in whatever light pieces of trash that happen to lie around. There are people who love excitement of almost any kind. The bigger the crowd and the more noise the better they like it. It may be a football game, or a religious revival. And if "eats" are provided free, all the better. We need to distinguish between what is spiritual and what is carnal even in a great revival.

There are people who gladly avail themselves of any physical benefits which religion brings, but they are not interested in the saving of souls from sin, or in growing great Christian men and women. They will endow a hospital or feed the children in an orphanage but they are not interested in your gospel of redemption. They would like to avail themselves of any benefits to the body but they are hardly aware that a man has a soul.

Jesus was constantly attended by crowds who hardly understand the purpose of his ministry. They constantly besought him to heal their bodies, and were glad enough to be around when the loaves and the fishes were passed out. He sought to make it plain that working miracles was not his special ministry. He touched their bodies that he might get at their souls. "That ye may know that the son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, he said unto the sick of the palsy, take up thy bed and walk."

But there were some who never did understand. They were naive in their childish expression of interest in getting whatever bodily benefits were to be had. Their religion may have been full of enthusiasm but it was of the shallow sort. Humanitarianism is on the road to humanism. The people whose religion does not go deeper than the core of the body is too shallow to last. A church that puts more emphasis on health of the body than on cleansing from sin may be a fairly good philanthropic organization, but it is not a church of Jesus Christ. It will come around before long to deny the actuality of sin and speak of it as an "error of mortal mind," or a "phantasmagorian hallucination." And in the end will do little for men's bodies. It will not build a hospital or provide for an orphanage. It will say to the sick "Forget it," and to the hungry and naked, "Be ye warmed and filled." You will hardly find them sending missionaries to Africa, nor endowing colleges anywhere. Like cuckoos they lay their eggs in nests built by other birds.

You will find some folks of this kind described in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. They followed Jesus as long as the work of healing went on and as long as the loaves and the fishes held out. As long as Jesus was caterer to their appetites they were ready to make him king. But when he talked about his blood they left him precipitately. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

They wanted more signs, and suggested that Moses gave them bread for forty years, every day. Could Jesus do that? And when Jesus said that there was something better than working for bread that perished, they wanted to know what they should do to work the works of God. How shallow they were! How ignorant of the works of God! How little sympathy they had with them. God save us from being so misled by our physical appetites and dominated by desire for personal comfort. The works of God—what are they? Do we really desire to do them?

Over the radio you are hearing "songs" which are called all sorts of blues. Thank the Lord we don't have that sort of singing in church. On the contrary, "Is any among you cheerful, let him sing praise." If there is ever a time when a man of common sense is tempted to throw a radio out the window, it is when some whining simpleton starts one of those "blues."

THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD

These camp-followers in Capernaum asked about the works of God. Jesus reduces the word to the singular number: "This is the work of God." Forget about the works, he would say. Just take this one thing: the work of God. You are wasting time talking about the works of God as long as you overlook or refuse this one thing, the work of God. This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

The people who talk about the works of God are starting at the wrong place. We must start with the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. You can't do the will of God and leave him out. There are many who are proposing just that. They say they will include in their program the teachings of Jesus—or at least such of it as suits them. They would commend his spirit, his example. They approve of the things which he did, and suggest that what men need to do today is to keep on trying to do good. Never mind about the person of Jesus. They tell you it doesn't matter whether you believe in his virgin birth, whether or not he was conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary. They are indifferent as to the matter of his deity, or any theory of the atonement which he made for the sins of the world. They suggest that you and I just go on and do good, do the works of God; it doesn't matter about what sort of faith you have. All that you have called orthodoxy is "old stuff," "out of date," a thing that doesn't concern our generation, and not necessary in one who calls himself Christian. You may think what you please and believe or disbelieve what you please. Those are merely incidentals.

If there was ever a devil's device in the world, it is in just such stuff as that. It is the sort of "wisdom" that James says (3:15) "cometh not down from above, but is earthly, animal, demoniacal." The only starting point is "this is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." There he stood right before them! Blind they were and perverse! Willing to accept all the physical benefits which he brought, but not to accept his claim of divinity, nor commit themselves unreservedly to him as leader and Lord. "Believe on Him," that is the work of God, and nothing can be done till that is done.

But when that is done in truth, then all else that is good follows. Personal faith in Jesus as the one sent from God, as the Messiah, as the Son of God, as the one who gives his flesh and blood for the life of the world; this and this alone will produce the works of God. This will do it because it works first in the man who believes. That is the place to begin. What will not change the nature of the man will not produce the works of God. But when you do change the man you are on the road to doing all the works of God. For Jesus said "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go to the Father."

DAVID A PARADOX

We are told that David was a man after God's own heart, probably meaning after God's choosing; one whom God chose though his prophet Samuel would have passed him by. God had hard tasks ahead. The country was surrounded by enemies who were sore at these intruders the Israelites who had come in and taken possession of the land. It was going to be rough sledding for this new nation who were in the midst of enemies, who knew little or nothing about governmental organization, who had next to no equipment for building a nation. They were surrounded with difficulties which would require hard fighting and disagreeable work. It meant war with small intermission for a generation. And God needed a man of iron who could meet the conditions. He chose David. And David was a soldier if there ever was one. He was trained to hardship and hard fighting. And he did a good job. He made Israel a nation.

It was not because he liked that sort of work. He probably disliked it heartily. But what had

to be done had to be done. And he did it in the fear of God. You will find the real heart of David in his psalms. He was the spirit of courage and of gentleness. He loved the Lord and loved God's house. He longed for it and for the peace which it symbolized. He loved his friends and was generous to his enemies. There was no animosity in his soul.

You will find an embodiment of his character in General Robert E. Lee, a devout man, who loved his fellowmen and was devoted to the service of God and men. But he was a soldier, a soldier without bitterness, but still a soldier. He recognized that there were duties that sometimes took a man away from peaceful pursuits, from his home and from the sanctuary where he had gone with the multitude to keep holy day. He took up the sword when it was a duty, and he laid it down on the first opportunity, for he loved peace and hated strife. We cannot always do the things we would prefer to do. There are duties which come before comfort and ease.

Now remember that David desired to build a house for God, a house for the people to use in worship. It was in his heart to do it. And God approved of his purpose. But He did not allow him to do it. And the reason given is that David was a man of blood. God's house was to represent peace, reconciliation, atonement, fellowship, praise. This sort of work was not in line with the work which David had been doing. There are duties which do not meet in the same man, and cannot be performed properly by the same person. There are duties in the kitchen and in the parlor. There are duties in the butcher shop and in the artists studio. Both are duties.

It may be that some men must serve on Sundays as railroad engineers, or automobile mechanics, or dairymen. But you would hardly expect these men to fulfill the office of pastor of your church. Both things may be a necessity, but the same man is hardly fit for both.

God hates war. And war is indeed the "last resort." But to say that any sort of war is an iniquity in the sight of God is to turn the world over to the devil, and wash our hands of any responsibility in the matter. We cannot thus escape responsibility. There is need of sheriffs and policemen. Some of us would dislike to perform these offices. But somebody has to do it or allow the world to be run by the forces of iniquity. Jury service may not be pleasant, but it is a necessity for the preservation of civilization and the establishment of righteousness. If there are conscientious objectors to the infliction of capital punishment they are excused from jury service. So also is military service. But for everybody to be a "conscientious objector" is to turn the world over to people who have no consciences.

The man who today condemns all war as irreconcilable with Christian conscience and of necessity condemned of God, must repudiate many of the lessons of history and a large part of the Bible. We had better get our thinking straight on this matter. Today there are two ideas struggling in the womb; the one is a spirit of aggression, the other a spirit of submission. You do not have to accept either of them as always and necessarily right. Certainly the spirit of aggression in the world today is vicious. It is the spirit of Nebuchadnezer, of Alexander and Napoleon and Frederick returned. How can we reconcile our praise of the Greeks at Thermopylae and condemn the nation which resists such aggression. Is the world's admiration for Finland today all a mistake? Have individuals and nations no rights which they should protect or defend?

This is not in praise of war. War is of the devil, but the wrong is with those who provoke it, and not with those who resist aggression, and defend themselves or others against brutality. We had better get our thinking straight about these things and not be misled by a sentimentalism which masquerades under the garb of religion.

A recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court is that every state has the right to enact laws to control the liquor traffic. Gentlemen of the legislature, it is up to you.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profit may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

THANKS A LOT

1939 has been a good year with The Baptist Record. Our subscription list has grown, our friends have been most helpful and we find a fine spirit all over the State.

For every favor we are thankful and pledge our best for 1940.

Sincerely,

A. L. GOODRICH.

CLARKSDALE

Some of the members said 1939 had been one of the best years in the history of the church. Already the budget for 1940 has been oversubscribed, a new bus purchased (the only one we know of that is church owned), the W.M.U. had a great Lottie Moon Week of Prayer with best average attendance in the church's history, the B.T.U. hitting on all cylinders and additions at almost every service.

They have had the EVERY FAMILY Plan during 1939 and the pastor likes it.

Coahoma County has subscribers listed as follows: Lyon 3; CLARKSDALE 207; LULA 21.

GRENADA

Although the fire destroyed their building, it merely added fuel to the flame of courage which belongs to Dr. Glen Eric Wiley and the Grenada saints.

Already plans are being remade to rebuild and to improve on the commodious building they had before the fire. Even a colored mail carrier has already made a generous contribution to the new building. Along with the building went several books from the library of Dr. Wiley.

Grenada County has subscribers as follows: GRAYSPORT 12; R. F. D. Grenada 4; GRENADA 117; HARDY 31; Holcomb 6; Elliott 1; Bethel 1.

THE E F PLAN DOES HELP

J. A. Reid says so.

"We think the EVERY FAMILY Plan does help. The Sunday school and B.T.U. is progressing nicely since we adopted the E F Plan. Brother Breland is superintendent of the Sunday school and Mr. J. T. Shadows is president of the B.T.U." J. A. Reid, Meridian, Miss., Rt. 2, Box 164.

GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

"Brother Goodrich was with us about a month ago and explained the Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan. Last Sunday we adopted the Plan and enclose the list of names and check for the first month.

Bassfield Baptist Church,
By J. P. Dear, C. C."

MORGAN'S CHAPEL LIKES IT

"We find the E. F. Plan helpful in all our church work. We are getting a new coat of paint on our church right away. Wishing for you and yours a happy Christmas, I am

for His glory,

Mrs. Jodie Morgan,
Morgan's Chapel Baptist Church."

3 CHURCHES—3 ADOPTED EVERY FAMILY PLAN

On last Sunday we had the privilege of presenting to three churches the EVERY FAMILY plan of the Baptist Record AND all three adopted it.

Braxton

At the eleven o'clock hour we divided time with Dr. B. F. Hasty, field secretary of the Relief

and Annuity Board. Dr. Hasty made a forceful presentation of the Ministers' Retirement Plan and the church liked it so well that they unanimously adopted it right then and there. We then explained how the EF plan would help any church. The pastor, Rev. B. A. McCullough BACKED UP OUR ARGUMENT WITH HIS OWN TESTIMONY AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD ADOPT THE EF PLAN THEN. They did.

The W. M. U. with Mrs. B. A. McCullough as president, is doing excellent work. They observed the Foreign Mission Week of Prayer and expect the Lottie Moon offering to go beyond last year's offering. Prof. J. K. Moore is leading the Sunday school in a worthy way and the B. T. U. with Truett McCullough as director boasts four good unions with 50 enrolled. The Orphanage offering was approximately \$60 including cash and goods.

Simpson County has subscribers listed as follows: Spring Hill 3; BRAXTON 54; NEW ZION 23; BETHLEHEM 24; D'Lo 2; Antioch 8; PLEASANT HILL 28; MENDENHALL 58; R. F. D. Mendenhall 2; Sanatorium 2; Shivers 3; KENNEDY SPRINGS 27; NEW HOPE 34; MAGEE 91; R. F. D. Magee 3; GOODWATER 43; PINE GROVE 11; Pinola 2.

Bethany

Our second engagement was with Pastor S. L. Walker and Bethany church near Prentiss. Though this was not their regular preaching day the people were good enough to stay after Sunday school. They first heard Dr. Hasty and promptly adopted the Ministers' Retirement Plan. They then heard us and after the pastor expressed his approval of the plan they adopted the EF plan.

A Sunday school and W. M. U. and a prayer meeting have been organized during the past few months. D. A. McGee is superintendent of the Sunday school and he is all smiles—5 class rooms are under construction. Mrs. Charlie Burrow is president of the W. M. U. and the folks say she is a good one.

The church is over a hundred years old having been organized in 1819. The membership is 110. Prayer meeting attendance has gone as high as sixty-five.

Among the accomplishments of the past few months are: Went from afternoon preaching to morning and night, increased pastor's salary, adopted the Ministers' Retirement Plan, adopted the EF plan. Improvements soon to be made include a slate roof, painting the church, placing sign on the church, giving the name of the church.

Jeff Davis County's subscribers are listed as follows: CARSON 14; PRENTISS 130, R. F. D. Prentiss 3; BETHANY 25; BASSFIELD 50.

White Sand

Rev. S. L. Walker is also pastor at White Sand. Associational minutes indicate that this church has the largest membership of any church in the county. Deacon Tommie Lee is superintendent of the Sunday school and Mrs. Claude Brinson leads the W. M. U. As at the other two services, Dr. Hasty presented the Ministers' Retirement Plan and the people unanimously adopted it. We then told just how good the EF plan was and after Pastor Walker expressed the hope that the church would adopt the plan, they promptly did so. During the service four deacons were ordained: Lee Mullins, Tom Slater, Daniel Sinclair and Marvin Dunaway. Those already serving as deacons include Luther Miller, Tommie Lee and Bud Bridges.

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Deacon W. O. McDougal writes of a gracious revival in New Prospect Church, Iuka, Rt. 1. State Evangelist E. D. Estes was the preacher. The first week in December, with ice on the ground and hog-killing time in full blast, but the people came, souls were saved and added to the church. "We are for a revival winter or summer. Brother Estes helped our church by his sound doctrinal preaching and fervent spirit. And he will be back next year in September. We believe in him and his work, and appreciate the Baptist Record."



W. E. TABB

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD AND OTHER IMPORTANT COMMITTEES IN NASHVILLE, DEC. 12-14

By Walter M. Gilmore

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board, the State Board of Tennessee, the committee on Order of Business, the committee on "Invitation of World Council of Churches," committee on Church Music, and others, all met in Nashville, Tennessee, December 12-14. In addition, the executive heads of all our Southwide agencies and institutions were here.

In all these meetings the very finest spirit was manifested. Not a single low note was sounded. Substantial progress is being made along every line, according to reports received. The brotherhood is united as it has not been in twenty years in a great purpose to go forward. This feeling was expressed again and again. For Southwide agencies we were \$128,320.09 ahead of the receipts for the first eleven months in 1938.

The Executive Committee endorsed heartily the call coming from Chairman Herbert Hoover of the Finnish Relief Fund to pray for and aid the Finnish people in this time of their dire need and authorized President L. R. Scarborough, through whom the call came, to assure Mr. Hoover of the good will of our people in this matter.

The Executive Committee endorsed the recommendation of its special committee on the Centennial Session of the Southern Baptist Convention, recommending to the Convention to meet in Augusta, Georgia, where the Convention was organized, in May, 1945.

No changes were recommended in the allocation of funds of the Cooperative Program for 1941 and also of the Hundred Thousand Club for 1940, which are as follows:

Cooperative Program Funds for 1940 and '41	
	Percent
Foreign Mission Board	50
Home Mission Board	23 1/3
Relief and Annuity Board	10 1/3
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	4 1/5
Southwestern Baptist Theol. Seminary	4 1/5
Baptist Bible Institute	4 1/5
W.M.U. Training School	8/15
American Baptist Theol. Seminary	1
Southern Baptist Hospital	2 1/5

Total .. 100

Hundred Thousand Club for 1940	
Foreign Mission Board	18
Home Mission Board	29 7/10
Southern Baptist Theol. Seminary	18 1/3
Southwestern Bap. Theol. Seminary	20 1/3
Baptist Bible Institute	12 1/3
Southern Baptist Hospital	1 3/10

Total.....100

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EZEKIEL'S TERRIFIC ARRAIGNMENT OF PREACHERS

By L. R. Scarborough

A study of Ezekiel 34:1-16 will reveal how the heart of the great prophet was distressed because of the failures of the priests and prophets and the shepherds of the people. This thundering passage of accusation and serious arraignment follows the heart-breaking responsibilities of the ministry as shown in Ezekiel 33:7-10, where he calls us the watchmen on God's walls, watching for the enemy, and appeals to us that we cry out at the sight of the enemy who would destroy the people, and then tells us that if we fail to warn them the blood of the dying will be on our hands. In view of this tragic warning the passage in the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel is much more momentous and far-reaching.

He Seriously Charges the Shepherds of That Day

1. That they feed themselves and starve their flocks.
2. That they get the best for themselves in food and clothing and have no thought for their flocks.
3. That they neglect the sick, the crippled and the drifting of their flocks.
4. But the most serious charge of all is found in these words, "They do not seek the lost." In view of this serious matter we shepherds of the flocks ought to take notice:

(1) That God, so says Ezekiel, does seek the lost.

(2) That Christ perpetually seeks the lost. Luke 19:10 says the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. The tense of this verb is the perpetual present tense, meaning that Christ all the years since His death and resurrection has been in the big job of seeking the lost.

(3) We must remember that that is the Holy Spirit's big task—seeking the lost. John 16:7-11 tells us that He comes to convict the lost of their sins, of righteousness and of judgment, and call them and allure them to Christ.

(4) We must remember that Christ's commission to us: Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men," is His perpetual orders to preachers to follow Him in winning men.

Now, if we are in line with God the Father, Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, God's pilot to souls, we certainly can claim the promises of God for successful soul-winning. But if we are not in line, it matters not what else we do, how great sermons we preach, how well we organize and enlist and train the flock, it matters not how well we fight back the wolves, the foes of the flock, it matters not how much money we get from them nor what buildings we put up for their worship and service, it doesn't matter about our scholarship nor our promotion—none of these will substitute against the serious charge that God makes through Ezekiel: "They do not seek the lost." We must directly, personally, persistently seek the lost.

I am raising the question as I go among Southern Baptists with the preachers, "Are we soul winners outside of our pulpits when we are not preaching?" Are we carrying on a perpetual crusade of personal soul-winning with the people with whom we have contact?

In the question of personal soul-winning is found the greatest opportunity for the leadership of the pastor. If he is a personal soul winner, his influence will be contagious and his members will unhesitatingly follow it, and it will be much easier for him to get soul-winning done when he himself practices it. But if we do not win people to Christ in our daily contacts with men our people will not, and hence we lead in a road to awful destruction to multitudes of lost men.

The past two years of Southern Baptists have been glorious in evangelism, but we are far from the goal. We are far from the organization we ought to have, from the domestic evangelism we ought to practice, far from the great meet-

THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

Information as to Conditions in Adjoining States, Mississippi, and the Nation

Arkansas

Hard liquor was legalized in 1935. The legislature repealed state prohibition laws and adopted a package law for sale of hard liquor. The law forbids opening a package in the place where sold, and permits liquor package stores only in incorporated towns having police protection. This provision is evaded by incorporation of small communities, and application for permit to open a liquor store. The law provides for local option elections, but requirements and provisions of the local option law are so complicated and technical that it is extremely difficult for towns or communities to hold an election that is not vulnerable somewhere. Early in 1937 the legislature passed a bill prohibiting admission of an alcoholic into the state hospital for nervous diseases. Reason given for such a law was that after hard liquor was legalized, the institution was crowded beyond capacity, and some relief measure was imperative. Since passage of the bill, alcoholics are placed on county farms and in county jails.

The report of Mrs. Lillian McDermott, judge of the Juvenile Court, Little Rock, showed in 1937, 770 cases of juvenile delinquency, and more than 500 cases of juvenile dependency. Mrs. McDermott stated that much of the delinquency and more than one-half of the dependency was due to drink. Our own city of Jackson showed only 71 cases of juvenile delinquency for the year 1937.

Mr. Rainmiller, a deputy sheriff, Osceola, Ark., stated to Mr. Lee Rogers, sheriff, Union County, Mississippi, that on a Saturday afternoon and night, he and his associates arrested 65, all drunks but three or four.

Headline in Crittenden County Times, Dec. 10, 1937: "Drinking and Drunkenness Have Increased Since Hard Liquor Was Legalized." (Smaller headline) "Drunken Driving and Drunks Show Steady Increase. Arrests in County in 1936 and 1937 Far Higher than Earlier Years." (Under headlines) "Arrests for drunken driving and drunkenness in Crittenden County for the years 1936 and 1937 to date show an increase of more than 100% over the previous years."

"A check of the county jail docket this week showed that the upswing for both offenses started in the latter part of 1935 after the legalization of hard liquor in Arkansas and has increased at a fairly steady rate to date . . . For the first eleven months of 1937 four times as many as in 1934 . . . and a 30% increase over 1936."

A merchant in Marion, Ark.: "Legalized liquor may have helped the state's revenues, but it has not helped local communities. It has not helped ours."

A county official, St. Francis County: "Conditions in St. Francis County are twice as bad as they were before hard liquor was legalized." Mrs. C. H. Ray, President, Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas: "The law allows package selling and we see large up-to-date cars drive up in front of liquor stores and women buy their packages to take into the home. In many homes are found the bottles empty and filled sitting on side boards and kitchen cabinets. In these homes are children of all ages, observing all this. Impressions are made on them that are lasting. The youth go by and get their packages and drive no one knows where to drink . . . I consider the old-time saloon preferable to present conditions in our state."

Sale of liquor in Arkansas seems to be largely in the hands of former bootleggers. A Mr. Carter, in the Department of Revenues, of the state said

ings we ought to have, from the training of organizations in our churches to win men. I insist that if we achieve what we ought to achieve, we will make this crusade personal, permanent, perennial, persistent, and give it the major emphasis in our lives.

Remember that God's terrific charge against the listless pastors is that they feed themselves and do not seek the lost.

that the best sellers in the state were former bootleggers, and that the largest liquor wholesaler in the state, located in Little Rock, was a bootlegger in prohibition days.

Alabama

The state legalized hard liquor and established state liquor stores. The total drink bill of the state for the years 1937 and 1938 was \$30,433,861.10. Of the amount expended more than nineteen million dollars was sent out of the state to pay brewers and distillers. Etowah County having three state liquor stores, shows a total expenditure for the years 1937 and 1938 of \$1,749,042.64 for liquor of all kinds. Total revenues received including taxes, rent, salaries, etc., amounted to \$105,059.44. The amount of all revenues was only 6% of the amount expended.

The Alabama Christian Advocate of July 29, 1939: "New jails and penitentiaries are being built at top speed in Alabama as a result of needs created by larger liquor consumption. Birmingham is completing a \$125,000 annex to its Southside jail; Bessemer has opened a larger new jail; so has Dothan; Montgomery is preparing to build an immense jail; other cities and towns have enlarged and repaired, or will build new jails; Cullman meanwhile is using a livery stable for additional jail facilities; Brewton has requisitioned a stockyard for drunks; and the State of Alabama, noting its largest prison population in history, is planning the biggest penitentiary this state has ever had."

Bootlegging has increased under legal liquor: "The U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue reports that during 1938 more arrests than in any other in connection with bootlegging were made in Alabama than in any other state in the Union." Bulletin, Alabama Temperance Alliance.

"Automobile accidents in Alabama totaled 5,081 in 1937, and 5,831 in 1938. Persons killed in these accidents were 663 in 1937 and 592 in 1938. Persons injured were 3,457 in 1937, and 5,577 in 1938. 60% of these tragedies were the result of drinking whiskey or beer."

Note: Records in the office of the Highway Patrol, Mississippi, show 388 deaths in 1938 in automobile accidents, 65% the number in Alabama. Alabama had in 1938, 5,831 accidents, an average of 486 per month. A bulletin of the Highway Patrol, Mississippi, shows for the first seven months of 1939, 1,285 accidents, an average of 183 per month. With the statistics given is a note of explanation by Major Birdsong: "We wish to call your attention to the number of reports where the question concerning drinking was not answered. Due to the fact that most of these reports were made by the parties involved in the accidents, I think we are safe in saying that in a large majority of cases intoxicating beverages were involved."

—N. S. Jackson.

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MEXICAN LEARNS TRUTH ABOUT BAPTIST DOCTRINE

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Some days ago I lent a book on Baptist doctrine to a sister member of our church. Her husband belongs to another denomination.

One day the husband started to read the book. He became very interested and continued his reading through the entire book. On visiting his home, I had him ask me, "Brother Rios, I am reading the book you lent my wife and I like it. Tell me, does this book tell the truth?"

"Yes, and you can compare it with the Bible and history," I answered.

"Well, Brother Rios, if this is true, I was deceived," he replied.

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We thank the clerks of associations who have sent to us minutes of the 1939 meetings. We shall be pleased to get all minutes for preservation in the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society's files.

Pastor J. W. Sturdivant says that Merigold Church will give more to missions in the first three months than for any similar period. He has challenged the men to match the contribution of the women, and their offerings will be larger than for seven or eight years.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

I

Luke, Chapter 2

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE MORE THAN 17,000 HOMES AND THE 50,000 READERS RECEIVING THE BAPTIST RECORD.

MAY YOU BE RICH IN ALL THE RICHES OF OUR LORD THROUGHOUT 1940.

II

2 Chronicles 7:14-15. We chose this Scripture to head this column this year. We believe the message it contains.

"If"—why does our God have to use an "if" when thinking of the deeds, the thoughts, the loyalty of His people? May He trust us? May He count on us?

"My people"—blood bought in Old Testament days. We wear His Name! Do we wear it worthily? Are we childish, worldly, sinful? "Which are called by My Name."

"Shall humble themselves"—how proud we are. How self-centered we are. How easily we "puff" up. Oh, how we need to prostrate ourselves before God!

"And pray"—we talk and write and preach much about praying. How much do we pray?

"And seek my face"—we see people crying out for a last look at the face of a departed loved one. How many of us have a deep craving to behold the face of our God?

"And turn from their wicked ways"—we like to talk about the sin of the heathen but God makes it personal, "their wicked ways." See Galatians 5, 1 Corinthians 6. We speak against some sins. Do we hate all sin?

"Then"—oh, how eager is our Heavenly Father to pour His blessings upon us. He longs for unblocked heart doors and for unchoked channels!

"Will I hear from heaven"—God waits for the whispered confession of His prodigal children. God waits for the warm breath of prayer from the lips of lovers of the Lord.

"I will forgive their sins"—He wants His own to be clean. The parent feels a bit different in looking upon soiled hands now cleansed, upon a fresh suit displacing an unsightly garment. Isaiah 1:18. Psalm 51:7. I John 1:7.

"I will heal their land"—the land still needs the blessings of our God. The pink worms appear. There are plenty of weevils. The drought remains. There are such a plenty in the background. The Providence of God keeps the balance in the earth. The harvest is from Him.

He will hear us. He will help us. If we but let Him! II Chron. 7:14, 15.

III

A. J. Wilds, Miss Wilds, C. E. Patch, H. T. McLaurin and Otis Perry could not be reached immediately last week about the one day's earnings on Mississippi Baptist obligations before January 1. They are all anxious for you to know that they join with their fellows. Thus Board employees are 100%.

We are hearing of individuals and churches coming in on this. Doxology!

IV

The Minister Retirement Plan meetings have been largely attended and a fine spirit manifest. Dr. Bolton and Dr. Hasty have won us all in admiration of them.

We believe this plan will free our pastors of fear of old age and disability. It will thus make for greater efficiency and satisfaction.

We believe this plan will free our churches of apprehension as to elderly minister responsibility. Thus the plan of God Almighty for youth and age may be more and more

recognized. The spirit of selfishness may be driven into the background.

Proper blanks should be carefully filled out and returned to this office the first of January.

V

We are soon mailing out a wall poster on our Regional Evangelistic Conferences. Please see that they are properly placed at the House of Worship. A great time is ahead of us in these conferences.

We are mailing at the same time a wall chart showing the exact distribution of the Cooperative Program Dollar. Many have requested such a chart.

VI

In facing the work of 1940, please don't forget that the Convention:

1. Adopted a Calendar of Activities, calling attention to Church Loyalty, Stewardship and Evangelistic majors. Post this Calendar in the House of Worship.

2. Authorized a State Advisory Stewardship Committee to help work out plans.

3. Authorized the Evangelistic Conferences.

4. Authorized giving Evangelism fullest emphasis.

5. Authorized Regional Brotherhood Conferences. These will likely be the last of April.

6. Directed a chief emphasis on the Cooperative Program. This looks toward fewer specials and larger receipts for all Causes. We cannot major on the Cooperative Program and at the same time turn any and every agency loose in the field for specials.

7. Looked toward closing this year with obligations met. Therefore, the effort, to get all Mississippi Baptists to give the earnings of one day to our obligations, and all our churches to take a special offering for this purpose the 53rd Sunday.

8. Adopted a goal of \$225,000.00 for all purposes next year. This includes Cooperative Program, special and debt, receipts.

9. Appointed a special Commission of 20 to study comprehensively our Mississippi Baptist agencies and to bring recommendations looking toward helping the whole Cause.

10. Started plans looking toward doubling the 5 M Club with the idea of being a debtless denomination before 1945.

11. Unanimously adopted the following:

"That Mississippi Baptists reaffirm our intention to pay our debts, and that we adopt as our goal and slogan, a debtless Convention by 1945.

That we will undertake no new projects or enterprises until our obligations for which the full faith and credit of the Convention are pledged have been paid or reasonably ample and sound provisions have been made for their payment.

That we urge immediate plans for a comprehensive program or campaign for the liquidation of the bonds and obligations of the Convention.

That in the meantime we urge increasing and doubling the Five Thousand Club, unless the churches adopt a better plan to satisfy maturing interest and installments.

That tithing and Christian stewardship are not synonymous with debts, but are arguments against burdensome debts. We remind the Convention that the practice of tithing and Bible Stewardship can and will be promoted by avoiding and preventing debts in excess of the reasonably estimated income of the Convention.

That nothing will contribute so much to the advancement of the work of the Convention as the payment of outstanding obligations, and the firm refusal to incur future debts in excess of the reasonable budgets of the Convention.

That we thus reassure those holding the obligations of the Convention not by words only, but by deeds and future policies, for burdensome debts are a hindrance and not a help to either church or Convention."

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Pastors in the Delta Conference pledged themselves to cooperate in the State Denominational program and to stand behind Secretary McCall in all plans for the enlistment of our churches in the cooperative work.

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE AND EVANGELISM

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To all Baptist Bodies
Dear Brethren:

At the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Atlanta in July, 1939 evangelism was a major theme. It was clearly recognized that Christians must extend the scope of the Gospel so as to bring it to bear on all of life for all men. A conference on this matter presented to the Congress a report which was enthusiastically adopted. A committee was appointed to carry out the suggested program.

In the report to the Congress certain matters were clearly recognized which would call to the attention of Baptists everywhere under whatever conditions they may be living today.

To bring people into a vital experience with God through Jesus Christ, to make this experience dominant in every relationship of the individual's life, and to extend this work through all the world is the supreme task of the Christian and of the churches. No matter what other burdens may weigh upon us, we dare not neglect this particular work.

The chief hindrance to this work lies in ourselves. A revival must begin in us and in our churches. We need to repent of our slackness in spiritual discipline and our neglect of our responsibility for our brethren. We need to replace the easy acceptance of the standards of social, business or other groups with the determination to measure ourselves in all things by nothing less than the will of God. We must make His will preeminent in every activity and relationship.

We must enlist our people as conscious personal witnesses for Christ. No matter how hard the conditions which war or any other condition of life may impose upon us, these very conditions create their own special need of Christ and afford their own opportunity to witness for Him. Christ is adequate for the hardest experiences of life, or He is not really significant for any of life. The bitterest years of history have been fruitful in proportion to the Christian's devotion to God. We can do no less than to make these extremely trying times an occasion for bearing an unusual witness for our Lord.

Wherever it is possible our Conventions and Unions should lay plans for an organized advance in evangelism. Such a movement may not be possible everywhere but where it is possible, it should be undertaken with the expectation that it will contribute to a world-wide quickening of spiritual life and hastening of the ingathering of souls.

Our people everywhere should be praying earnestly for such a revival. Since New Year's will fall on Monday, the Congress voted that Sunday night, December 31st, be set aside particularly for praying for a world revival and for personal consecration to bring it about. Church services, Watch Night services, young people's meetings, all kinds of gatherings in our churches that day and evening, might well make this their central theme.

As we send you this message, we assure you that we are aware of the troubles through which many of our brethren are passing and that we sympathize with you deeply. We pray earnestly that God may sustain all of us in every trial and may give us grace so that each difficulty may add power to our testimony for Him.

Your brethren in Christ,

J. H. Rushbrooke, President

Baptist World Alliance

W. O. Lewis, Secretary

Baptist World Alliance

G. Pitt Beers, Chairman

Committee on Evangelism

Roland Q. Leavell, Secretary

Committee on Evangelism.

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Rev. C. A. Alexander, pastor Eighth Avenue Church, Meridian, has been called to First Church, Santa Fe, N. M. We do not know his decision. He is doing good work in Meridian.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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NEW YEAR MEDITATION

Hail to 1940! Three hundred and sixty-five days to have fellowship with the great Friend! Fifty-two whole weeks to share with others the greatness of his life and the glory of his mission! An entire year to live, to love, to give and serve! Numberless hours to enjoy the wonder of his presence and pass on the unspeakable gift! Not a step on the pilgrimage ahead shall be made without the assurance of his presence: Oh, marvelous truth that . . .

In the watch of the night, I have no fear,
In the wake of the morn, I feel thee near.
In the silence of prayer, I see thy face,
In the "smile of the stars," I sense thy grace.

In a wisp of the wind, I hear thee pass,
In the good and true, thy image is cast.
In the glow of dawn, thy story is told,
In the secret shrine, thy love'll enfold.

In the presence of power, thy glory's seen,
In the face of flowers, thy wonder's supreme.
In the radiance of light, thy splendor's sealed,
In the beauty of life, thy spirit's revealed.

—Rosalee Mills Appleby and David.

Dear Friend:

About 2,000 years ago a group of workmen (shepherds) were busy about their task one night when an angel of the Lord came upon them and they were afraid until they heard the Message—"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people"—"a Saviour is born."

Millions of men, women and children are busy at their task, many of them are working in a spirit of fear because they have not heard the good tidings of great Joy. How much praise we should have in our hearts for the Father's love this Christmas Season!

I praise Him for each of you and your interest in spreading the Gospel message to a restless, fearful world. Our Watchword for 1940 "Be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord," challenges us to keep on until the Lord calls us home.

We are enclosing report cards—please fill in the blanks and forward one to me and one to your associational superintendent. We want to publish the names of the societies that have reported each quarter of 1939 by January 15th. So I am asking you to be as prompt as possible in sending in your report.

Another important matter is the dates and places of our Institutes with the exception of those of eighth district. These will be planned by associations.

Each group of women plan to bring your own lunches and the hostess church will furnish a hot drink. Make a special effort to get your officers to attend and as many others as can come. Go to the one nearest you and we will meet you there at 9:30 and stay until 2:15.

May the Christmas Season in your home be observed in the spirit of the One whose birthday we are celebrating.

Sincerely yours,
FANNIE TRAYLOR.

Dates and Places of Institutes

Jan. 8 Winona	Jan. 16 Corinth
Jan. 9 Walnut Grove	Jan. 17 Pontotoc
Jan. 10 Quitman	Jan. 18 Senatobia
Jan. 11 Pascagoula	Jan. 19 Clarksdale
Jan. 12 Lumberton	Jan. 22 Greenwood
Jan. 15 Starkville	Jan. 23 Jackson First

Title: Give Ye Them to Eat; Author: Mrs. B. A. Copass; Published by Home Mission Board;

Price 25c; On sale at Baptist book stores.

In this book Mrs. B. A. Copass has dramatized in a wonderful way the compassion of our hearts for the man without a chance in the homeland. "Give ye them to eat" is the task of Home Missions. Every one of our missionaries is breaking the bread of life to the hungry-hearted. May this graphic story of need stir our hearts until, with Christ, we can see the perishing multitudes and be moved with compassion for them.

Mrs. Copass has done her work well. Every one who reads the book will have a new appreciation of the homeland task. Every Baptist should read this book.—J. B. Lawrence.

Conversant with kindred books of previous years and also having vast personal knowledge of Home Mission opportunities and enterprises, Mrs. Copass has presented the subject in a new but sane fashion.

The author believes that, if Southern Baptist women are brought face to face with the peoples in spiritual poverty and hunger in almost every section of the South and Cuba, they will be moved with compassion even as the heart of Christ was touched by the spiritual needs of people when He was on earth. Therefore, Mrs. Copass has assembled facts and has sketched scenes which warrant the book's title, Give Ye Them to Eat.

Graphically does it reveal that spiritually hungry—or certainly lacking in spiritual nourishment—are the South's migrant multitudes, many groups struggling toward rehabilitation, countless moral shipwrecks, millions of superstitious and image worshipping people here and in Cuba.

Each chapter makes a strong appeal. Cumulative is the urge for every one studying the book to hear through its facts the compassionate Christ saying: "Give ye them to eat of the Bread of Life."—Miss Kathleen Mallory.

IT CAN BE DONE. That is, we can have effective Missionary organizations for our young people in rural churches. The first contact from this office was last summer, when one of the field workers visited Macedonia Church in Lebanon Association for a Missionary rally of the young people. Then, when the Girls' Auxiliary Camp was held in Hattiesburg, Mrs. Crissman, the pastor's wife, brought a large group of her girls. One of the finest boys at the Intermediate Royal Ambassador Camp came from this church.

On December 8th a recognition service was held for the members of the Girls' Auxiliary and Royal Ambassador Chapter who had advanced in their Forward Steps and Ranking System. There were about thirty-five participating in the service. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Crissman had worked untiringly to have an attractive setting for the service and had most appropriate emblems for each group to wear. The boys and girls showed that thorough work had been done in passing the various steps. Several nearby churches had been invited and quite a large group of visitors were present. The State Young People's Secretary was present to give recognition for work done. It was a service with deep meaning for all who participated and those who saw it. There were seven queens to be recognized and three ambassadors.

At Briar Hill Baptist Church Sunday morning, December 24, Dr. R. B. Gunter will preach at 11:00 o'clock, using "The Unspeakable Gift" as his subject. Sunday school will be at 10:30 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited and urged to come for both of these services.

Meetings of the Executive Committee— (Continued from Page 5)

Sunday School Board

The two things of paramount interest in connection with the Sunday School Board meeting was the letting of the contract for the new building to the lowest bidder, Foster and Creighton, Nashville firm, for \$234,158.36. The building is to be completed by the first of October, 1940. The other matter was the adoption of the plan of reorganization of the Board by which all of its work comes under three general divisions—Education and Promotion, Editorial, and Business. Drs. Prince E. Burroughs, Hight C. Moore and J. O. Williams respectively were elected to head these divisions. The purpose was to better correlate and coordinate all the departments, making these division heads responsible for their fields of service, and all responsible to Dr. T. L. Holcomb, the executive secretary.

The committee on Invitation of World Council of Churches, of which Dr. Geo. W. Truett is chairman, worked out a tentative report, but is not ready to release it until all members have passed on it.

The committee on Order of Business to arrange the program for the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore next June 12 formulated a tentative program, beginning Wednesday morning, June 12. This conflicts with the meeting of the W. M. U., but it is hoped a satisfactory solution can be found.

The climax of the week came on Thursday night when more than 500 Sunday school workers of the Nashville Sunday School Association, Jasper N. Barnett, president, came together in a banquet to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the launching of the new and enlarged training course for Sunday school workers. Dr. P. E. Burroughs, head of the Education Department of the Sunday School Board, and his associate Dr. N. R. Drummond, are largely responsible for the marvelous achievements of this course of study—more than 600,000 book awards given to more than 300,000 individuals during this five-year period.

President L. R. Scarborough, Seminray Hill, Texas, and Dr. B. W. Spilman, Kinston, N. C., the first field worker of the Sunday School Board, (1901), were the principal speakers at the banquet, Dr. Scarborough emphasizing the place of evangelism in the very heart of all our Sunday school work.

COUPONS

The year 1939 is coming to a close rapidly. There will be thousands of coupons from Octagon products left around in many corners that will never reach the proper place to be redeemed. If these coupons could be mailed to Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi, the Orphanage would be greatly benefitted. Please see that coupons from following products are collected and mailed immediately: Octagon Laundry Soap, Octagon Toilet Soap, Octagon Soap Chips, Octagon Soap Powder, Octagon Cleanser, Octagon Granulated Soap, Obelisk Flour, Rumford Baking Powder, Luzianne Coffee and Tea.

Until December 31st, 1939 coupons from Ivory Soap and Oxydol Washing Powder will be redeemed by the manufacturers for 1/4c each. Please collect and mail to us immediately the wrappers from Ivory Soap and the tops from Oxydol Washing Powder.

Help us turn coupons into dollars.

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NEWS MAINLY FROM EUROPE

By Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke
President, Baptist World Alliance

Activity of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Baptist World Alliance office
is in these days more than fully
occupied. Visitors from many lands
have reported themselves, and the
closest contact is preserved with the
brethren in the continent of Europe,
including all the countries closely
affected by war or the threat of
war. Among the callers have been
Baptists from Spain, Hungary and
Rumania. A lively correspondence
is maintained with the Scandinavian
lands, Finland, Estonia, Latvia,
Lithuania, Italy, France and Swit-
zerland. From Germany too we hear
indirectly. New contacts have been
secured, and within the last few
days a most interesting piece of
Baptist missionary work in Egypt
is reported. The preparation of sta-
tistical reports and the usual New
Year messages goes forward, and
connection with every part of the
world is preserved. The Administra-
tive Committee reappointed in At-
lanta is working in full vigour, and
has in fact held more meetings than
in normal times. Pending the ar-
rival of Dr. Lewis, I am "carrying
on," and doing my best to insure
that my successor shall not have
to face an accumulation of arrears.

Rumania: Difficulties and problems persist.

It is disturbing to learn that
though a much more sympathetic
Minister of Cults replaced Arch-
bishop Colan in the early part of
the year, and a decree in some re-
spects far milder than that of last
year was substituted for Arch-
bishop Colan's decree, ecclesiastical
influence on the administration is
still so strong that Rumanian Bap-
tists find themselves unable to ac-
cept the official demands upon them.
They set out their objectives in the
resolution of a Conference held in
October. This calls for the cessa-
tion of repression and for the re-
opening of closed churches, and re-
news the request that Baptists shall
be acknowledged as a recognized re-
ligious communion. To this last
simple and just claim the auth-
orities still offer unyielding oppo-
sition, though it has recently been

reported that orders are given for
the reopening of a number of
churches that had been closed.

German Baptist Mission: British Government attitude.

The Rev. Helmut Simoleit, of
Great Soppo, in the British-man-
dated territory of the Cameroons,
is a German Baptist missionary. In
a letter written to me a month after
the outbreak of war, he states that
the Missino is given all freedom
to carry on its work and that the
Government is rendering all the as-
sistance it can. He expresses high
appreciation of the kindness of the
British Resident. Such news con-
firms the general report regarding
the attitude of the British Admin-
istrators to mission work. The only
trouble, Mr. Simoleit adds, is short-
age of funds. This has compelled
the closing of at least one school.
He hopes that assistance may be
forthcoming from other lands. I am
taking up the matter in the appro-
priate quarters. Leaders will be in-
terested to know that the Rev.
Helmut Simoleit is the son of the
well-known Dr. F. W. Simoleit, long
a Vice-President of the Baptist
World Alliance.

Germans disappear from the Eastern Baltic.

A letter addressed to me from
Latvia brings news that German
Baptist churches in that country
are ceasing to exist as a result of
the withdrawal of Germans under
orders from Berlin. Socially, eco-
nomically, and politically, this is an
amazing development. For centuries
the Teutonic stamp has been deep-
ly impressed upon the cities of the
Baltic coast from Tallinn round to
the confines of Denmark. It persist-
ed in what are now Latvia and
Estonia even through the period of
Czarist rule. Not only coastal cities,
but such centres as the University
of Dorpat (now Tartu) maintained
and extended German culture. The
"Balts" were found among the in-
tellectual leaders of the old Ger-
many; the name of Adolf Harnack
is but one of many. Now, for good
or for evil—indeed for good and
evil—this centuries-old influence
vanishes in a night in deference to
the demand of the U.S.R.R. The
German Baptist church in Riga is
empty, almost the last of its mem-
bers having departed.

Dr. Truett's great utterance in At- lanta.

The Sunday School Board of the
Southern Baptist Convention has
printed Dr. George W. Truett's
Presidential Address delivered at the
World Congress in Atlanta. It made,
at the time, a tremendous impress-
ion; and the more it is read the
stronger it appears. Exact thought
is wedded to majesty of expression,
and presented with an evangelical
fervor that stirs the soul. This ad-
dress ought to have world-wide
circulation; and it is to be hoped
that Baptists all over the world will
see to it that it is translated and
circulated in their own languages.
British Baptists and Dr. Rushbrooke

The Council of the Baptist Union
of Great Britain and Ireland held
on November 21 its first full meet-
ing since the Atlanta Congress. On
the motion of Dr. Percy W. Evans,
Principal of Surgeon's College and
President-elect of the Union, sec-
onded by the President of the Un-

ion, the Rev. P. T. Thomson, M.A.,
a cordial resolution expressing con-
gratulation and goodwill to Dr.
Rushbrooke on his election to the
presidency of the Baptist World Al-
liance, was unanimously adopted.

A similar resolution was also
adopted with similar cordiality and
unanimity by the General Committee
of the Baptist Missionary Society
on the motion of Dr. E. K. Jones,
ex-Chairman, seconded by Miss
Dorothy Glover, Chairman.

"GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"

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Christ saying: "Give ye them to
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Kathleen Mallory.

A recent event of outstanding
interest to friends of Professor I.
E. Reynolds of Southwestern Bap-
tist Seminary was the violin recital
of his daughter, Lurame. Miss
Reynolds was warmly praised by
music critics and a large audience
of friends. She is a pupil of Brooks
Morris, director of the Ft. Worth
Symphony. Southern Baptists will
remember her lovely music in vari-
ous state assemblies, at Ridgecrest,
Southern Baptist Convention, and
at the Baptist World Congress in
Atlanta.

B. M. C. HAS Y. W. A. STUDY COURSE

Miss Elma Currin is spending the
week on Blue Mountain campus to
give a Y. W. A. Study Course on
the Book "Constraining Love." Miss
Currin, who is at present As-
sociate Southwide Young People's
Leader, assisting Miss Juliette
Mather, has already won the hearts
of B. M. C. with her bright per-
sonality and keen interest in every-
thing on our campus. She was
chapel speaker Tuesday morning,
giving an excellent "preview" of her
fascinating manner of teaching.

Our Study Course is especially
appropriate at this time because this
week is emphasizing Foreign Mis-
sions. It is also proving very time-
ly because the "Lottie Moon" Christ-
mas Offering is being stressed
throughout the Southland at this
season.—Marion Dempsey, B. S. U.
Reporter.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

By C. S. Lumbley

At this happy festive season
As we turn away from self,
Where there is hardly one
Forgotten by that jolly old elf.

The greatest thrill surely comes
In bringing joy and cheer
To those in our happy homes
Who are both near and dear.

Why not include on our list
Of worthy ones in search,
And with a willing heart assist
Natchez' Westside Baptist Church,

A house of worship to erect,
So that the preached word
May reach out and connect
Many people with the Lord?

No more worthy act of love
Could be recorded in life's book,
On earth below or heaven above
If this step we took.

Not wait for them to call,
But send to Kilcrease, Brown,
Dukes, McPhate, Lumbley or Hall,
Each of whom live in our town.

The Master told us Himself,
'Tis more blessed to give than re-
ceive.

He was neither guilty of greed or
pelf;
In this spirit, can't we cleave?

For Speedy
HEADACHE
Relief
STANBACK
DOES NOT LEAVE YOU UPSET

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AND REDUCES
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izing YOUR crops.
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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for December 24
THE CHILD JESUS AND THE CHILD IN THE MIDST
Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19:13-15

Introduction. First we are to think together again of the birth of our Lord. "By how much is this the greatest event in all the annals of the race?" No other event since the creation of the world has been so deeply fraught with precious meaning for the race as this. Here God is doing the greatest thing which even he ever did for the race: God is here becoming man, and He is doing it for the eternal good of man. The passage is so rich and the space which may be devoted to it so small that no more can be done than simply to sketch it in barest and, I fear, driest, outline.

I. The Christ-child Jesus. Matthew 1:18-25.

1. Joseph Perplexed. vv 8, 9.

The account begins with a good man in perplexity. He was bethrothed to a young woman whom he was soon to make his wife, and it becomes apparent to him that she is soon to become a mother, a circumstance in any civilized land shameful, but in Joseph's country, fraught with danger of the gravest character. A Jewess who proved unfaithful to her betrothal should be put to death. But Joseph evidently did not want this fate to overtake the young kinswoman whom he had wooed for his wife, and began to think to "put her away privily," that is, to seek some excuse for sending her away where she would be unknown.

The Lord sent to Joseph a special messenger to relieve him of his perplexity. Mary is not a fallen woman, but the highly favored of God, the mother of His only begotten Son.

2. Conception. v 20. (See Luke 1:26-38).

Here is an innocent village maiden, clean of life, pure of blood-stream, guileless of heart. The Spirit of God performed upon her what additional cleansing act was necessary to make her meet to be the mother of her Lord. Then God, the Son, our Savior and Lord, became a baby in the pulsing body of this pure, sweet, village girl.

3. Name. v 21.

His name means, "Jehovah is salvation." Maybe we may shorten it to "Savior." His name was given Him because of what He is, Savior of His people. Your helper out of sin, your Savior, your only Savior from hell. Get that, man!

4. Prophecy Fulfilled. vv 22, 23 (See Luke 1:37).

The birth of Jesus was in fulfillment of prophecy. A prophecy is the word of God, any prophecy is. But God has eternally spoken whatever is to come to pass, just as in the beginning He said, "Let light be," and light came. So every occurrence in the long annals of the

world's history is in fulfillment of the word of God, of prophecy. So the birth of our Lord. It came at the end of the age of waiting for the due time when God would fulfill His prophecy in the sending of the redeemer. And the redeemer is called "Emmanuel," which means, "God with us." We have God with us, and He is Jesus, and Jesus is our brother. So we come to celebrate the birthday of our older brother, Jesus, Who became our brother that He might help us in our need.

5. Joseph Obedient. v. 24, 25.

Satisfied that God had spoken to him, Joseph did as he had been commanded, treating his wife with the tenderest consideration during the days of her hiding the baby body of our Lord and Savior close to her tender heart. What were all the high and holy thoughts she pondered in her heart during those days of delicate devotion to the baby whose little body she was hiding in her own, cherishing with all the strength of her young heart's love, and nourishing with her warm, clean blood, we may not know. There was much she did not understand, of course, but she had learned to love and perform what she could understand.

Joseph did not understand how what he had been told could be true, but he believed God to be true, so he just trusted Him, believed Him, relied upon Him, and such was his wisdom, surpassing that of kings. We may be sure, I think, that Joseph went right along at his work from day to day, keeping counsel with himself and God, caring for his girl wife and looking to God for guidance.

6. Jesus Born. v. 26.

Then dawned the day when the dimpled arms of the baby Jesus pushed the purple gate of birth ajar, and baby eyes first were smitten with the light of the sun, which had been created through the pre-incarnate Son. How momentous a day was this when the Creator first looked with human eyes upon the broad creation which He had come to restore to its allegiance to its Maker! The Sanctified Who came to save had now reached the scene of His loving labors, and among those whom He came to serve, He had now taken up His residence. That day His search among the lost began with His landing upon this bank and shoal of time. Oh! years were to pass before He should reach the time of His active entrance upon His work, but not one hour was lost, of all the days He abode among us.

II. The Child In The Midst.

Matthew 18:1-6; 19:13-15.

1. Setting. v. 1. The disciples were discussing the question as to which of them would occupy the loftiest station in the Kingdom which they expected Jesus to set up right away. I think the discussion waxed rather warm as each submitted his reason for believing that he or his friend would be the highest up. When they were unable to agree, they carried the question to Jesus. "Unable to agree!" Of course they were! How often have you seen people argue one another into agreement? Brother, you can't even argue your wife into agreement

with you, if she has any sense. People do not get together by arguing points of difference. A man who would allow himself to be argued away from his own position to another would be regarded as a weakling, and would consider himself a quitter.

So they brought their contention to Jesus. He would settle it, and each of the disciples thought he would be the favored one in the decision.

2. The Child in the Midst. v. 2.

He has been in the midst ever since. There is a child in the midst of every worthwhile thing in our civilization. Why the good home? He set a child in the midst. Why the church? the school? the parks in the city? the lovely things built in the country places? He set a child in the midst.

Our Savior set one here as a type of the finest character and an illustration of what will be required to be the best we can attain.

3. Conditions of Entrance into the Kingdom. v. 3.

"Except ye turn." They were headed in the wrong direction ever to arrive at an exalted station in the Kingdom.

"Become as little children." He may have reference to the absolute dependence of little children, for whom things must be done, and who are indifferent to the distinctions of rank and wealth.

4. Jesus Received in Little Children. v. 5.

Receive them, you parents, receive them in Jesus' name as gifts from God.

5. Penalty of Causing Little Ones to Stumble. v. 6.

Better for the man who is the cause of this to have a millstone hanged about his neck and to be hurled into the sea. That a man should ruin a child in whom God has wrapped up capacities untapped and of incalculable value to God, how great an offense to Him is that!

6. Bringing Little Ones to Jesus. 19:13.

They may not have known how great a service they did their children when they were brought to Jesus. You may not know how greatly you serve God when you bring your child to Him.

7. Hindering Disciples. v. 13.

How many a time well-meaning people get in the way. "Wait till you are older."

8. Jesus' Words in Point. v. 14.

"Let them come unto Me." He alone can and will make them what they ought to be. Let them go to Him, soon as they will.

9. Consequent Actions. v. 15.

He granted the wish of those who brought their babes—laid His hands on them and prayed—and then He went away. To find other babes to touch and pray for? No! to preach.

"Sedentary work," said the college lecturer, "tends to lessen the endurance."

"In other words," butted in the smart student, "the more one sits, the less one can stand."

"Exactly," retorted the lecturer: "and if one lies a great deal, one's standing is lost completely."

REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

For the Year Oct. 1, 1938 to Oct. 31, 1939

An imaginary banner floats over the Mississippi Baptist Hospital today bearing the inscription, "Highway of Hope."

To those who dwell within our walls, Hope means Health, and Hope and Health during this past fiscal year have brought back to 5,896 patients who have found an abiding place within our Hospital. Of this number 4,998 are white and 898 are colored.

To accommodate this goodly number it was necessary to rise up and build, so along this Highway of Hope there stands a much larger and improved hospital today than when I made this report to you one year ago.

On December 17th our new lobby, made possible for us through the generosity of brother and sister S. E. Lackey, was completed and we moved in. What a joy to us, what a blessing to our patients to have the office floor where the metallic ring of the bookkeeping machines, typewriters and telephones cannot be heard to disturb sick patients.

Immediately after the old offices were vacated, work was begun there and on the front entrance. We now have in their stead, a bright colorful ward for the "Crippled Children" and here most any time you will find ten boys and girls, who lie patiently with heavy weights on their little limbs, stretching withered and twisted bones and making them straight again. Some with their entire bodies in plaster casts, yet always, invariably, they greet you with a smile and a happy chirrup as you enter. This ward is much admired and is sponsored by one of the high school sororities, who bring books, magazines and toys and spend much time reading to the children.

Our nursery where more than 496 babies rested for a while during the past year, has been newly decorated and enlarged. A large living room on the maternity floor has been made for "Restless Fathers," which has proved its worth many times over.

At the last Convention we told you of the arrangement we had made with the R. H. Green Foundation for \$100,000.00, said money to be spent as our Trustees directed, so long as we made 35 beds available for our negro friends. Five of these beds were to be given free for any patients the Green Trustees saw fit to send.

So along this Highway of Hope there stands today a new four story Annex in which you may find:

On the Top Floor: Additional operating rooms, one of the best (Continued on Page 11)

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Christmas

We have Christmas because we have Jesus. We have Christ because of love. It was love for a lost world that brought the Son of God to this world to live the life of a perfect man. In living this life he was misunderstood, criticized, despised, rejected, killed. But in it all there were those who were devout believers of that which he came to give, and in that believing got for themselves that eternal life which he came that we might have, and have it abundantly.

We come again to celebrate the season of his birthday. It is the time of all times of the year when people's minds turn to others—and how fine it is that we think of others. But, so often it turns out that we think of others—and not necessarily those who are in real need—and even in doing this we forget the one whose birthday it is. Since it is Christ's birthday, how very appropriate and timely to give a gift to him. He gave his all for us; surely we should give something for him.

This Jesus, whose birthday we now approach, came to give us life, and in giving this he also gave us LIGHT, for he is himself the light of the world.

Light

How glorious is light! What would the world be without light? How dark and dreary and gloomy and dismal! But, thank God, he gave us light even for this physical world; he also has given unto us a light far greater. How grateful we should be for light.

Light—when the stars that keep watch at night seek their daily hiding places. Light—the white mantle under which honesty and truth, respect and decency as comrades travel. Light—which robs the dark alley of its frightful cover and the woods of their haunting cloak. Light—which had men hate because their deeds are evil, and good men love because it's the gift of God. Light—that comes to rich and poor, high and low, learned and unlearned, mountain and valley, rose and weed. Light—so pure and spotless that it travels through dust, smoke and dirt, and at the end of its journey is as clean and pure as when it began.

"The brightest gleam that ever shone
Across the world's dark night,
Was not reflected from the throne
Of selfishness or of might.
It was the torch that led the way
to any diadem;
It was love's gentle, golden ray,
The Star of Bethlehem.

"The light that longest shall abide
Among the distant years,
And leave on weary faces dried
The most of human tears,
Is not the glow reflected far
For Splendor's gleaming gem,
It is the light of one lone star,
The Star of Bethlehem."

May this Christmas season bring

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Continued from Page 10)
equipped laboratories in the South, doctor's library and additional X-Ray facilities.

On the Third Floor: Sixteen additional rooms for mothers and babies.

On the Second Floor: A lovely new dining room, kitchen, diet kitchen and cold storage room, all of which we have needed for so long and for which we have prayed so earnestly.

On the First Floor: Twelve private rooms and twenty-eight ward beds for the colored folks. Two graduate colored nurses and seven colored student nurses have charge of this floor, supervised by your Superintendent and the Superintendent of Nurses.

Our formal opening of this floor was held September 20th from two until six in the afternoon. More than three hundred of the best colored citizens of Hinds, Copiah, and Rankin-Counties attended this opening. There were present from our Board, Mr. D. C. Simmons, Mrs. B. H. Lovelace and Miss Margaret Lackey. From the Green Trustees, Mr. A. L. Green, Mrs. Florence McAlpin, Mrs. Ann Boggan and Mrs. Gordon Greene. In the sitting room for the colored department hangs a life size portrait of Mr. R. H. Green, and many of them paused as they passed by to tell of some good deed he had done for them and how he had helped them in days gone by. They are very appreciative of the advantages they now have in the way of Hospital facilities and our patients in that department are increasing daily, both in number and in pay.

We administered to forty-nine ministers during the past year and many of their families.

Training School

We have 78 young ladies in the training school and seven colored nurses, making a total of 83 students.

We graduated a class of twenty-one in May; eleven of them have already taken the State Board and passed. Most all of them have good jobs. Our girls are now working in nineteen different states and good reports come from their work.

Miss Lackey continues faithful in her tender ministry of love as she capably fills her place as Religious Director and Hostess. We praise God daily for her and her sweet influence in our Hospital.

In Memoriam

The Highway of Hope branches off now and then. One branch leads to the Glory Land. Up its golden Stairway this past year, many distinguished and much beloved friends have gone. The spirit of brother T. T. Martin leaped its happy way, sending back to us the echo in song of "Canaan's fair and happy land where his possessions lie."

Shortly thereafter the gentle spirit of Dr. John Bullock, a mem-

ber of our Staff followed, leaving anxious mothers desolate for care of their little babies. In a little while the radiantly beautiful soul of Lucille Bell Anding of Flora hastened up the golden Stairway.

In some measure we were prepared for the homegoing of these; but not so when the spirit of our beloved physician and surgeon, Dr. Frank Hagaman answered the final call that left us stunned and desolate and little children, little crippled children all over this commonwealth, grieved for a friend they would miss when they came again to have casts changed or broken bones mended. We feel sure the Lord needed another helper in Heaven and called him home.

Later on in the year "when the leaves began to fall" the long and lovely life of Lena Menger Hobbs stepped softly aside and found the golden Stairway. To these and numerous others who "went home" from our hospital, the "Highway of Hope" proved the Highway to Heaven; for our Master has said "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Conclusion

We are deeply appreciative of the cooperation we have received from all phases of the Baptist work and

from brother McCall and his corps of workers.

Again we thank you for the Board of Trustees you have given us and for their untiring interest in working for a bigger and better hospital.

And thus we conclude this report for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31st, 1939. A conclusion it is, far from completion. Each day in a hospital is like the link of a chain that is endless. And each represents the story of lives, unwritten except to those who can read between the lines. A conclusion it is, but certainly not an ending, for hospital days never end. We pray that they may never end, till that Great Day when Time shall be no more, and the roll call shall announce that sickness and death and sorrow are ended forever.

Respectfully submitted,
Karenza Gilfoy, Supt.

—BR—

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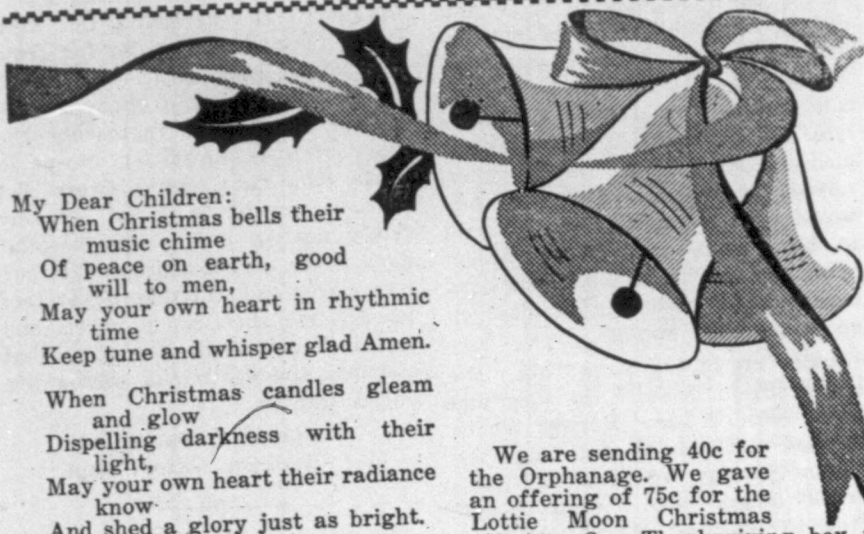
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My Dear Children:
When Christmas bells their music chime
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
May your own heart in rhythmic time
Keep tune and whisper glad Amen.
When Christmas candles gleam and glow
Dispelling darkness with their light,
May your own heart their radiance know
And shed a glory just as bright.
When shines the star from Christmas tree
Reminder of the star of old,
May your own heart seek till it see
The Christ whom seraph song foretold.
When sending gifts all brightly wrapped
In tissue, tinsel, ribbon, tied,
O heart! forget not earth's great gift
God in His love, His Son supplied.

With love,
—Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY

(Continued from last week)
Paul Makes His Defense Before the Mob.
Read Acts 22:1-30.

All the multitude of the Jews to whom Paul spoke listened to him until he spoke those words about preaching to the gentiles, but then they cried out, "Kill him, for such a fellow is not fit to live." As they said this, they threw off their outer garments in their rage and threw dust in the air. The Roman captain commanded that Paul be brought into the castle and whipped to make him confess what terrible things he had done.

As they bound him with cords, preparing to scourge him, Paul asked the centurion "Is it lawful for you to scourge a Roman before any evil has been proved against him?" The centurion went then and warned the captain, "Be careful what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman." The captain came and asked Paul "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He answered "Yes." The chief captain said "I paid a great sum of money to be made a free Roman," and Paul replied, "I was born a Roman." Then the men who were about to scourge him left him. The chief captain also, after he heard that Paul was a Roman, was afraid lest he might be punished for having bound him. The next day, because the chief captain wanted to know certainly what the Jews had accused him of, he commanded all the counsel of the Sanhedrin to meet together and brought Paul and set him before them.

Union Church, Miss.
Dec. 7, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I want to write to you about our Busy Bee Sunbeam Band. We have ten members. We have elected the following officers for the coming year:

Willie Neil Meteer, president; Jackie Wall, secretary; Maxine Adams, vice-president; Dorothy Sue Adams, treasurer; Joyce Adams, song leader; Juanita Wilson, good deed chairman; Mary Love Moss, Bible verse leader.

We are sending 40c for the Orphanage. We gave an offering of 75c for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. Our Thanksgiving box to the Orphanage was valued at \$1.85. We have sent 7 dimes to the Training School.

A little Sunbeam,
Jackie Wall, secretary.

Jackie, this sounds like a very bright and shining band of Sunbeams, and a wide awake leader. Thank every one of you for this gift, and Merry Christmas to you all.
—F. L. S.

1052 Central Street
Jackson, Miss.
Dec. 8, 1939.

Mrs. Frances Steele
Magee, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I am ten years old. I enjoyed reading the letters from the Rhodes boys, Iuka, Rt. 3. My Daddy has been in their home and got their parents to subscribe for The Baptist Record.

My Daddy, Rev. E. D. Estes, is one of the state evangelists and is near Iuka in a meeting now. He will be home Christmas and I am glad. My Mother helps me with my Sunday school lessons and other work.

I hope you have a nice Christmas.
With love,
Charles Warren Estes.

Thank you for this nice wish and a Merry Christmas to you and all your family.—F. L. S.

Vaughan, Miss.
Dec. 9, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sorry because I did not get to send a poem for Thanksgiving. We had a Thanksgiving program at our school. We got up eight dollars for the crippled children. I had a nice time Thanksgiving. My Mother and Daddy and the pastor's wife went to the State Convention in Jackson. My Mother is by B.Y.P.U. teacher. My grand-daddy came to see us Thanksgiving. Brother Stroud, our pastor, has a Scout meeting on Saturday.

Your friend,
Mary Annie Pepper.

Merry Christmas, Mary Annie!—
F. L. S.

Philadelphia, Miss.
Dec. 11, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write the Circle. My Daddy and Mother read the Record weekly. I am a little girl eight years old in the third grade. I am sending five cents to help make a little orphan happy.

I will close, wishing you and the orphans a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sarah Othel White.

Thanks for your gift, Sarah Othel, and I'm also wishing for you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—F. L. S.

Merry Xmas

McCall's Creek, Miss.
Dec. 9, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am enjoying the Children's Circle. I am a little girl ten years old and I am in the fifth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. R. C. McCraw. I love her very much.

I go to Sunday School every Sunday. I am a member of the G. A. I go to school at Independence. They have made the stage larger and higher. They have also made two rooms larger.

I had a good time at the county fair this year. My Mother, Daddy, and two sisters went too. I told my teacher and classmates about sending you a gift for the orphans for Christmas. I am enclosing 26 cents.

Yours truly,
Annie Ratcliff.

This is a fine offering which you send, Annie, and we are grateful. Merry Christmas.—F. L. S.

Sanatorium, Miss.

Dec. 10, 1939.

Mrs. Frances L. Steele,
Magee, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed are a number of questions I thought your children might enjoy searching out. Use them as you see fit.

I shall be glad to send others sometime should they like them.

An interested friend,
Mrs. S. O. L.

We surely appreciate your interest, and like very much the way in which you are showing it. These are very appropriate Bible questions for the season. The children will enjoy answering them. Thank you. We hope that you have a happy Christmas.—F. L. S.

Nuts to Crack During Christmas

1. Who sent almonds and other nuts to a king? Ans. Genesis 43:11.
2. Who went into a garden of nuts? Ans. Song of Solomon 6:11.
3. Did you know apples and raisins were eaten in Bible days? Ans. Songs of Solomon 2:5; Numbers 11:5.
4. That cucumbers were grown in Bible days? Ans. Isaiah 1:8; Numbers 11:5.
5. Are garlic, onions, leeks and melons also that old? Ans. Numbers 11:5.
6. Are eggs mentioned in the Bible? Ans. Job 6:6.
7. With what fruit did the serpent tempt Eve? Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:4.

Carthage, Miss.
Dec. 11, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I was glad to see my Thanksgiving poem on the page. I am a little girl nine years old in the fourth grade. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Kern. I go to school at Freney and Rev. J. L. Moore is the pastor. I have one brother and one sister older than I am. I am the baby. I have one pet, a big black dog. His name is Murphy. I love him lots. I am sending five cents for the Orphanage.

Love,
Mamie Ruth Cannon.

Thank you very much, Mamie Ruth, and Merry Christmas!—F. L. S.

Gloster, Miss.
Dec. 11, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I'm very sorry that I am so late sending it in, but here it is, our Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage.

There's a trite but sometimes adequate old saying, "Better late than never."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Tabor, Teachers
and Pupils of Jr.
Dept. S. S.

Your gift is in time to do plenty of good, Mrs. Tabor. We are grateful to every one who had a part in it; and to every officer, teacher and pupil we are saying "Merry Christmas."—F. L. S.

Carthage, Miss.
Dec. 12, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to you. I am ten years old and in the fourth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Mildred Young. She is very good. I go to Sunday school every Sunday. My teacher is Mrs. Bettie Books. I love her very much. I am sending five cents for the Orphanage.

Your new friend,
Fay Cannon.

We appreciate your sending a gift, Fay, and we are hoping that you will have a Merry Christmas.—F. L. S.

Florence, Miss.
Dec. 12, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have been thinking about writing for a long time. I am in the fourth grade. I am ten years old. I have a pretty doll house. I go to church every Sunday. My Sunday school teacher is Miss Johnnie Pink Sandifer. I have some pets, a cat and a dog. I am sending five cents for the orphan home.

Your friend,
Hazel Byrd.

It's a fine thing to remember someone else when we are happy, and want to make them happy, too. Thank you for your gift to the orphans. May you have a merry Christmas, Hazel.—F. L. S.

CONTRIBUTING THROUGH THE BUDGET

In December 14th issue of the Record something is said about contributing all through the church budget. Consider these figures: One contributes \$100 through his church budget and 25%, which is above the average, is sent to brother McCall. He sends 26.8% of \$25.00, or \$6.70 to Southwide objects of which Foreign Missions gets 50% or \$3.35. This \$3.35 is used for all purposes that the \$96.64 is used for in the homeland. I raise the question, Is this a fair distribution? Is it right in the sight of the Lord? I for one do not think so. For my part I reserve the right to make an extra offering to both Home and Foreign Missions, usually doing so through the Lottie Moon Offering and the Sunday school offering in March and sometimes through the Annie W. Armstrong offering. Then too, other calls come to which I feel I should contribute.

—T. T. Gooch.

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It's Christmas Time Again—The time when those who are serious minded but once a year are serious minded, and when all Christians rejoice anew in the thought of having, not the Christ Child, but the Christ with His completed atonement in their heart, giving salvation and peace. We of the Baptist Training Union Department greet you with good cheer, and wish for each of our friends new experiences with Christ that shall bring to you new hope, new zeal, and new opportunities for service. May He be very near to you during these days that remind us afresh of his birth and wonderful life.

Before you get another copy of the Record the New Year will have rolled around. You will have made New Year's resolutions. Let one of your resolutions, as director, or as leader of an individual union, be "Every month this year we will hold our Monthly Business and Committee Meetings." The regular time for this meeting will be sometime during the week following the last Sunday—NEXT WEEK WILL BE THE TIME for your first meeting to plan for 1940. It's Christmas week, yes! and why should that not be the very best time to come together to plan for the work that will mean better service for the Master beginning with the new year!

"Christmas with Christ in it" has been a slogan for this Christmas, and may this be a reality for us all. Seems that this would be a good slogan for every day—"The Day with Christ in it." Daily Bible reading and prayer, the Family Altar, a bit of service in His name as a daily program will claim it as a day with Christ in it.

Calvary, Tupelo, Has Interest Enlistment Revival

During the week October 23-29 a most interesting revival was conducted in Calvary Church, Tupelo. It was an Enlistment Revival. It was intended for the entire church membership, and the purpose was to enlist in Christian service. Some weeks before the time the pastor and Training Union director had, through various means given publicity to the matter. The Church Bulletin was one of the means of publicity, carrying a letter from the director on October 8th in which he gave something of the plans. Each afternoon at four those who would visit came to the church, cards were given each and from four-thirty to five-thirty personal visits were made. From 5:30 to 6:15 the first class periods were observed, from 6:15 to 6:45 supper was served by members of the W. M. S. The second class period was from 6:45 to 7:50 followed by a devotional period which included a message from one of the visiting faculty members. The faculty was made up of workers

from other churches, Rev. R. B. Patterson of Okolona taught Investments in Christian Living. Rev. W. E. Ferguson, pastor of Willis Heights church taught What We Believe. Rev. Dolphus Hardin of Sunflower taught The Meaning of Church Membership, and Miss Mary Frances Skilton of Blue Mountain taught The Junior and His Church. The Church Bulletin following the revival carried a full statement including words of appreciation for the services of those making the revival a success, including this word to those who attended—"You have learned something worthwhile; you have been inspired to go forward, to 'all high, fight shy, draw nigh.'" It has been an experience that will not be forgotten and one that cannot be measured in the far-reaching benefits that will come to the individual and to our church." An average attendance of 90 with the majority of these qualifying for awards for the study of a book.

Moorhead Enlarges Work

The week of December 3-8 was given to Training Union emphasis in the Moorhead church. As a part of the program classes were taught in methods for Juniors, Intermediates and Young People. Among those attending each evening were several adults and about twenty students from Sunflower College. Three splendid B. Y. P. U.'s are being maintained, counselors for these were considered as necessary and hence sought from among the adult membership of the church. Interest was created in an adult union which will be organized the first of the year. Rev. L. E. McGowen is the pastor and thoroughly interested in every phase of the church and denominational program, and Mrs. McGowen is the Training Union director, and interested and working in all other departments of the church. It was a good week, the State Training Union Secretary enjoyed having part in the week's activities.

First and Calvary Churches, Columbus, Cooperate In Enlargement Campaign

Last week Columbus was the scene of enlargement campaign interest when two of the three churches cooperated in a program that meant for the enlargement of the Training Union work. First Church had as campaign director Rec. J. H. Avery of Highland Church, Meridian. Brother Avery not only directed the campaign but taught the class for Young People. Rev. R. D.

Pearson of Macon led in the B. A. U. work and taught the B. A. U. Manual. Miss Frances Lippencott, educational director of the First Church, West Point, taught the Intermediates. Miss Mary Frances Skilton of Blue Mountain taught the Juniors, and Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds had a class for Leaders and Sponsors. In Calvary Church, two classes were taught, the Adults by Auber J. Wilds, State Training Union Secretary, and the Intermediate Manual was taught by Rev. Hugh Brown of Pontotoc County. It was a profitable week, even though many conflicts were experienced. The Training Union work challenges the best interest and talent and claims the attention of only those who desire for themselves a deeper spiritual life with enlarged opportunities for service.

Sunday, January 7th is the regular time for Associational Training Union meetings. This should be a very interesting meeting as plans for the year will be discussed. One thing that should be definitely planned at this meeting is for a full attendance of all officers to attend the Statewide Conference for Associational Officers to be held February 22-23.

DR. J. W. NEWBROUGH RETIRES FROM RESCUE MISSION

Atlanta, Ga.—After 56 years in the ministry, 21 of which he was a missionary of the Home Mission Board, Dr. J. W. Newbrough, 80, retired December 15 as superintendent of the Board's Rescue Mission in New Orleans, Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the mission agency, announced.

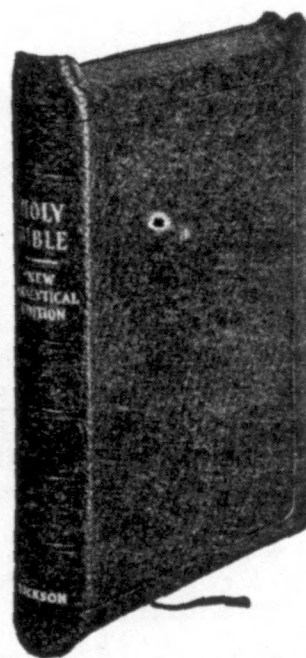
First appointed by the Board in 1918, Dr. Newbrough served eight years on the Mexican field in the Lower Rio Grande Valley before being transferred to New Orleans in 1926. The Rescue Mission, which he opened under the Board's direction, has been operated continuously with Dr. Newbrough as superintendent since that time.

Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, associate of Dr. Newbrough, will remain in charge of the Rescue Mission and of the Woman's Emergency Home, Dr. Lawrence said.

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BIBLE MEDITATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE LIFE

V. P. Young

(Continued from Last Week)

Where Does the Soul Go?

Where then, does the soul spend the interval from death to the resurrection of the body? We answer the question as plainly and simply as we know how by saying that the Soul goes into the immediate presence of Jesus Christ, and since Christ rules with the Father in Heaven, that means that it goes straight to heaven. We mean of course, the Soul of a saved person. That Soul remains there in heaven in a disembodied, yet happy state until the resurrection, at which time soul and body are united once again.

II Cor. 5:8 ought to make clear where the soul of a saved person goes when the body dies, for in II Cor. 5:8 Paul makes clear that to be absent from the body means to be present with the Lord.

To enlarge upon the preceding statement let us look back preceding Christ's resurrection. Back in Old Testament times, and preceding the resurrection of Christ from the dead, all who died, both righteous and wicked, went to Hades. This leads to the question: What is "Hades?" Hades is a Greek term which signified 'the unseen world', the abode of departed spirits. The term was used to express what we mean by such terms as 'the great Beyond'.

Hades was a realm that had places in it, totally different from each other—one a place of happi-

ness, and the other a place of torment. That is made perfectly clear from the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus that we read in the 16th chapter of Luke: "And in Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in Torments" (16:23).

This tells us where the rich man was. It tells us what part of Hades he was in—the place of torment. Now Lazarus was in Hades too, but in a different section of Hades entirely. Listen to this: "and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." (16:23) Lazarus and Abraham were visibly near and yet they were in a state of happiness, while the rich man was in torment, for Lazarus was in that place in Hades called Paradise or sometime called by the Jews, "Abraham's Bosom."

It should be easy to see what we have just been saying but it is made even more clear that all souls, preceding the resurrection of Christ, went to Hades, and that in Hades there was a place of happiness and a place of torment. Let us read Psalm 16:10, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Of whom is David speaking here? Whose soul went to Hades? If you will consider Acts 2:22-31 this will be made clear. (Read Acts 2:22-31).

Peter tells us here that David was talking about Jesus Christ, and Christ, after His crucifixion, while His body lay in Joseph's tomb, went to Hades, but that His soul was not left in Hades. Of course Jesus did not go to the place of torment in Hades. Where did He go? That

question is answered as plainly as we could wish to have anything answered in Luke 23:43, where Jesus is recorded to have said to the penitent thief, "today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Jesus therefore went to Hades and the converted thief went to Hades too, and both of them went there that very day as soon as death came with its separation of body and soul. They went to Hades, but they went to that place of happiness in Hades, called Paradise.

Let me make clear that before the resurrection of Christ, the saved dead did not go direct to Heaven. We would not make a statement like this if we could not prove it. If you will turn to John 3:13, you will find these words: "No man hath ascended up to Heaven." Those are the words of Jesus Himself, and they are plain and conclusive, and settle the question once and for all. The soul of the righteous dead who died previous to Christ's resurrection did not go to heaven, they went to the intermediate place of happiness in Hades, which Jesus called Paradise. But when the soul of Jesus came back from Paradise and re-entered His body, and when He was resurrected, He took with Him into the immediate presence of God in Heaven, the soul of all those whom He found in Paradise. In other words, Jesus moved Paradise from Hades to Heaven. I think we can prove this most clearly from Ephesians 4:8-10: "Wherefore he saith, when he ascended upon high He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. Now that he ascended what is it but that he also

descended into the lower parts of the earth. He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things." What does that teach? First, that Christ descended into the "lower parts of the earth" (Hades, I believe that symbolizes). Next He ascended "high above all heavens," that is, above the region that we call the heavens immediately above us; above the heavenly bodies, into the "heaven of Heavens," which is the abode of God. And when he ascended, he led "captivity" captive, or could the passage be translated to read, "he led a host of captives." Those souls of the righteous dead who had lived from the time of Adam unto that time, and which were in Paradise, Jesus took with him into the presence of God, when he ascended on high. Since he emptied Paradise, we can correctly say that He literally took Paradise with Him.

(To Be Continued)

NEW PASTOR WELCOMED

Ellisville is welcoming the Rev. W. E. Greene, who assumed Sunday, December 3, the duties of pastor of the Ellisville Baptist Church.

Reverend Greene is a graduate of Mississippi College, and received his Master's Degree from the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. He is now engaged in studies at B. B. L., looking forward to receiving his Doctor's Degree in April.

The Baptist students of the Ellisville Junior College together with the Ellisville Baptist Church welcomed brother Greene with a social Saturday evening.

Opportunity Is Knocking . . .

At the Doors of Mississippi Baptists

For over a hundred years Baptists have been saying: "We should do something for our faithful old soldiers of the Cross who have given their all and worn themselves out in sacrificial service to their Denomination and to their Lord." And for the first time in history we have united our hearts and minds in one supreme effort to give these needy and worthy old ministers a square deal that will make their last days respectable and pleasant.

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Surely every Baptist church in Mississippi will want a part in this Scriptural and humanitarian movement. The cost is small. The good to be done unlimited.

It is well to keep in mind that the church does not pay for its own pastor, or for any other pastor in particular. Dues paid by the churches go into a group fund that will be used for all Mississippi pastors who retire under the Plan.

If your church has not already voted to cooperate, please see that the matter is considered at once. It is earnestly hoped that a sufficient number of churches and pastors shall be enrolled to make it possible to start the plan as of January 1. The call is urgent. The time is short. Act NOW.

D. A. McCALL, Cor. Sec'y.-Treas.

Jackson, Mississippi

CHURCH LOYALTY EMPHASIS

(Continued from Page 3)

made to the home and more helpful contracts established. The number of groups, of course, will depend upon the size of the church.

Third, select from each group after prayer (Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:38) the person you feel fitted to serve as group captain. Call them together. After a season of prayer go over the entire plan in detail. Take nothing for granted. Let them know what you expect as to help from them.

Use Posters

Remember the value of publicity—to the end that the people may know and participate.

Place attractive posters in EVERY class and assembly room the first Sunday of Preparation Month, January. Discover local talent who will gladly print these.

Announcement

Beginning the first Sunday of Preparation Month, see that announcements are made about the "Thus saith the Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis at every meeting of classes, departments, unions, circles, services of worship, prayer meeting, worker's council, business meeting and so on.

Prayers

Beginning the first Sunday of Preparation Month see that at least one public prayer carries the burden of the "Thus Saith The Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis. Indeed, every public and private prayer during this entire emphasis should find the one praying, pleading with God for His blessing and power.

Mid-Week Prayer Services

The mid-week prayer service will kindle hot fires here. Let the pastor have warm messages from the Book along lines of Evangelism. Helps will be found in some of our fine Soul Winning books and tracts. Do not teach a study course. Put your own Christian personality into it.

Write the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the Baptist Home Mission Board, Department of Evangelism, Atlanta, Georgia, or your own Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, for helps as may be needed.

Planned Preaching

I Cor. 1:21b: "It hath pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

The coming larger Revival most assuredly waits on a Scriptural, Spirit-filled, Christ centered, red-hot preaching of HIS Word. Not scolding, not faultfinding, but pointing to "The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29b.

Those who have gone this way before suggest two series of sermons, one for 11 A. M. and one for 7:30 P. M., over a three month period—February, March, and April.

We will be glad to offer suggestions here as we are able.

Calendar

By all means have a cardboard calendar printed with a picture of the Lord's House in the center, the two series of sermon topics on either side, the name and location of His Church, and the hours of worship.

A general welcome to all could be easily included with a pointed emphasis for members.

This calendar should be given each member to be kept about the bed or some other prominent place.

Second Week of Preparation:

Let the pastor write a personal letter to every member calling attention to the "Thus Saith the Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis, and further calling them to prayer for it, and to participation in it.

Third Week of Preparation:

Call the group leaders together for prayer and counsel. Instruct them to the effect that next Sunday (the last Sunday of Preparation Month) you desire them to visit each member on their respective groups. At this time members are to be acquainted with this movement. They should be told what is expected of them. Prayer and Bible reading may be had as opportunity may afford. Present a calendar to each member, calling attention to the sermon series with particular emphasis on topics for next Sunday. Request the member to put the calendar on the wall of the bedroom at some prominent place.

Urge the members one by one, to note the sermon topics for next Sunday and earnestly pray for the pastor as he comes into the pulpit to deliver the Lord's message.

Every Member Visitation

The last Sunday of Preparation Month, plan for a meeting of group leaders. When possible this should be immediately after the morning service, lunch being served that they may get out into the homes early before the members begin to auto ride.

After lunch, have a season of prayer. Answer last minute questions.

Hand each group leader (1) a church calendar for each member of his group; (2) a personal message in writing from the pastor to each member of his group. This is to be left for later reading.

Group leaders are to call the members to church attendance, Bible study and prayer, looking to a deepening of the spiritual life.

Hand the members, with this plea, a package of twenty-six two-color attendance cards. One each is to be signed and dropped in the offering plate with the offering. A special Committee will compile a Sunday-by-Sunday record from these cards.

Repeated Visitation

You have noted that if this plan is followed a single family may be visited several times on this Sunday. It is not family visitations but individual visitation. A family with three members of the local Baptist church will receive three visits from three different visitors. The values are evident. Three pleas will have been made to that family on the same day for loyalty to Christ, His church and the Word of God.

II

The Last Three Months:

Much preparation having been made, results will already begin to accrue.

Make large plans for the First Sunday of the second month, February. Make it Roll Call Day, or Loyalty Day. Aim for 100% attendance this day!

Records

A special Committee of three or five will take attendance cards from the offering plates. This may be done at once after the offering. Going at once into a side room, they will list their findings on a special blackboard. It may be brought out at the close of the service.

This will be repeated at the evening service.

Group Leaders Meet

After the evening service, call a brief meeting (not over 10 minutes) of group leaders. The records committee will hand to each group leader his cards with his group members printed on them as turned in during the day.

The group leaders will visit each absentee on his group, before Wednesday night, finding out cause of absence. At prayer meeting each group leader will report that each absentee has been contacted and will hand to pastor names of hard cases on his visiting list. The pastor is interested in winning all his members, the disgruntled, backslidden and all the rest, to put Christ first, give God a chance, seek His will for their lives.

Prayer Meeting

The prayer meeting will continue a most helpful service. It should be brief. It is the spirit and not length that counts. Soulwinning should be the theme.

Others have suggested this program:

1. Hymn, two verses.
2. Prayer.
3. Hymn, 2 verses.
4. Prayer.
5. Special musical numbers.
6. 15 minute burning talk on soul winning.

Afterward, all your group leaders being present, a not over 30 minute conference with them will be held. Help them to see the value of visiting every absentee member, and of having a 100% group attendance.

The first three weeks of this second month, February, will largely determine the heights to which you will go in this movement. Do your best at the start.

Visitor's Cards

Many visitors will be coming to the services if preparation has been thorough. Place a form card in the hand of each visitor as you welcome him—a special committee attending this. He will write name, address, church membership, church preference, positions formerly held in church, etc. These will be dropped in offering plate and carefully studied later.

Names of unsaved and unlisted will be secured in this way.

Also, call an after meeting of those members who earnestly desire to see a great victory in this "Thus Saith the Lord" Church Loyalty Emphasis. After earnest prayer pass out two cards to each person, asking them to write out list of lost in whom they are interested and for whom they are willing to work and pray. A duplicate list will be handed the pastor.

Personal Workers

Let the pastor carefully select after prayer, personal workers—consecrated, prayerful, spiritual, persons. After three weeks of the second month let the pastor write each personal worker enclosing two or

four names of these prospects to be seen during this week. These are ripe prospects as seen by some interest on their part in church attendance. Sending out names by mail is much better than making any public display.

These are just suggestions centering around Bible emphasis of worship, serving, giving, or prayer, personal work, preaching His Word, plan is His work.

The Spirit must lead and endue. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. 4:6b.

Series of Services

By all means the four months emphasis should climax in a series of soul winning services of revival campaigning.

While we write this as planned for a Statewide Mississippi Baptist effort for January, February, March, April, 1940—we realize some churches will prefer it at other seasons. It will be effective at any time.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOU HEMETER
Hattiesburg, Miss.

As I have not seen anything in The Baptist Record about Mrs. Lou Hemeter's death, I feel impressed to say a few words about her beautiful life. Having known her for fifty years, and being a close friend of hers, I can truthfully say she was an inspiration to all who knew her personally. More than fifty years ago she and I were members of old Providence Church in Forrest County, then Perry County. It was during that time that the first W.M.U. was organized there, with Mrs. Hemeter president. We worked there together until we moved from that community. In later years we were both members of Main Street Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, and worked together there in the W. M. U. She was our Bible teacher until her health gave way, and she couldn't meet with us in the church nor the homes. Even then, she would not give up her work, but would have us meet in her home for several years, where she continued the teaching of the Bible. She has been a great help to all those women whom she taught and explained the word of God to. She always stood for the right, and had courage to contend for "Thus saith the Lord." The great spiritual truths that she taught us will live on in our lives. I know I have been made a stronger Christian by her life, and I am so thankful for the life she lived, and what it meant to me and to others.

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A WORD FROM DR. W. T. LOWREY

My dear Mississippi Friends;

How often did I think of my dear friends during our recent Baptist convention in Jackson! How often did I wish that I could be there to witness the sayings and doings of the brethren! How I did long to take active part again as in by-gone days.

My wife and I are spending this winter with our daughter, Sara, who is a professor in Baylor University, Waco, Texas. I have not attempted to work since my health failed in June of last year. After spending a few months in the home of our son, W. T. Jr., we went to Blue Mountain where my wife taught in the summer school while I rested and visited with my family and old-time friends. We hope to go back to Blue Mountain again next summer.

I love the big state of Texas. I feel its bigness as I live under the shadow of Baylor University with its more than twenty-three hundred boys and girls. I feel its bigness in the sermons I hear by Dr. Truett on Sunday mornings over the radio. I feel its bigness in the kindly spirit of its people.

But my love for Mississippi has not waned. I love you still and will love you to the end.

Your one-time co-worker,
W. T. Lowrey,
1429 S. Eighth St.,
Waco, Texas.

CLEAR BRANCH, RANKIN COUNTY

Our church is grateful for good progress in the past year. Rev. W. S. Landrum is pastor. The B.T.U. has all five organizations with Mr. Jno. L. Alliston director, Mrs. Alliston, Intermediate leader, Miss Ethel Ross, president of Seniors, Miss Evie Grantham of Juniors, Mrs. Norris White of Story Hour, Norris White of B.A.U., and Alma McDonald, secretary.

The Sunday school is prospering with Mr. Joe Brinson, superintendent; Mrs. Joe Byrd, secretary; Mr. Norris White, Bible class teacher; Mrs. W. S. Bridges, Senior class teacher; Mrs. Alma Brinson of Intermediates, Miss Johnnie Sandifer of Juniors, Miss Ethel Ross of Primaries, Miss Evie Grantham of Beginners, Miss Ollie McDonald, Sunbeam leader.

Prayer meeting precedes Sunday school. W.M.U. carries on, though greatly missing Mrs. J. P. Byrd. They observed the week of prayer and studied the book Constraining Love. Mrs. Alma Brinson is president; Mrs. Lee Brinson, chairman of Stewardship committee; Mrs. Ollie Byrd chairman of Young People; Mrs. Bud Crane, chairman of Personal Service; Mrs. U. S. Bridges, chairman of Mission Study; Mrs. Pearl Ross, treasurer. Miss Ethel Ross is county leader of Juniors, and Mrs. U. S. Bridges, county group captain. Mr. Norris White is church treasurer. Our people are learning to tithe. The W. M. U. will give a Christmas pageant. Pray for us.—Mrs. U. S. Bridges, Star, Rt. 2.

SONGS WE SING By Mattie C. Leatherwood

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This is the most attractive book of its kind that this writer ever saw. There are 86 songs—very little songs for very little children, songs of four lines each for four- and five-year-olds, and a few numbers which contain more words than the average Beginner or kindergarten children can learn easily. However, the words are within their understanding and have an interest appeal that will make them favorites if they are sung to them. At the end of the songs are six of the best known classical marches. The volume is beautifully illustrated by Mrs. Marjorie Morris, and the printer has done an exceptionally fine job. In short, the book meets the rigid requirements of the most exacting, and will supply the needs of all who work with children from three to six years of age. Miss Leatherwood is modestly listed as Compiler. As a matter of fact, forty-six of the songs are hers, and evidences of the touch of her love for little people are to be seen on every page. This collection is a worthy expression of her invaluable services through the years.—John L. Hill, Book Editor, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

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JOHN J. TUCKER

Since in the providence of our Heavenly Father, our brother, John J. Tucker has been called from our midst to his eternal home and Whereas, he served the Baptist Church at Pickens for many years as a faithful, devoted member, constant in attendance at Sunday school, prayer meeting, preaching services, a long-time member of the choir and a loyal deacon, and

Whereas, through long weary weeks of suffering, his faith in God was clear and unwavering and his assurance of peace unquestioned;

Therefore in his passing, be it resolved:

1. That the church and demoniation have lost a valued member, the community an esteemed and useful citizen and his friends and loved ones a devoted companion.

2. That it be further resolved, that with deep sympathy for the bereaved, we express our hope that even so great a loss may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the church records, a copy be sent to the press and also to the family of his bereaved daughter, Mrs. W. S. Owen.

Signed: J. E. Maxwell, A. P. Yarborough, Mrs. W. F. Yarborough, committee.

IN MEMORIAM

On September 29, 1939 the sweet spirit of Mrs. Fannie Temple Gambelin winged its way to meet her Saviour, whom she trusted, and confessed in early girlhood, having been baptized into the fellowship of the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church of Attala County. Ever afterwards she spent a long and useful life in service for the Chris-

tian cause. She was born August 12, 1869, was preceded to the grave by her father, A. F. Temple, mother, Mrs. Mary Hughes Temple; a number of brothers, sisters, and a host of relatives who await in the sacred old church and school ground where she spent her early life, the resurrection. Of her immediate family there remains a husband, Edgar Gambelin, West, Miss.; two daughters, Mrs. Ola Mae Hardin, Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Fannie Lyn Boswell, Macon, Miss.; Prof. Frank Gambelin, State College, Miss.; four grandchildren, three brothers, W. S. Temple, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Prof. V. B. Temple, Pineville, La., and J. C. Temple, Jackson, Miss.—W. S. Temple, 124 New Orleans St., Hattiesburg, Miss.

S. S. ATTENDANCE DEC. 17

Jackson First Church	1124
Jackson Calvary Church	1110
Jackson Northside Church	150
Jackson Parkway Church	404
Jackson Southside Church	90
Jackson Davis Memorial	276
Jackson Griffith	703
Meridian 15th Ave. Church	332
West Laurel Church	497
Crystal Springs Church	380
Meridian First Church	633
Newton Church	264
Springfield Church	180
Enterprise Church	94
River Ave. Church, H'burg.	98
Glenfield Church	82

B. T. U. ATTENDANCE DEC. 17

Jackson First Church	340
Jackson Calvary Church	170
Jackson Northside Church	50
Jackson Parkway Church	279
Jackson Southside Church	70
Jackson Davis Mem. Church	187
Jackson Griffith	352

Meridian 15th Avenue	163
West Laurel Church	245
River Avenue Church	100
Enterprise Church	35
Newton Church	109
Crystal Springs Church	129
Glenfield Church	87

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